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Gary Shaw on target for
Villa against Leeds.

SHOOT view!

It comes as no surprise to learn that Alan Ball's career enters a new, exciting chapter with Southampton nearly 16 years after he first thrust his wiry frame into battle for England against Yugoslavia as a 20-year-old playing for Blackpool.

How ironic that Blackpool, the club who launched one of England's finest players since the War, should conspire to threaten his future in the game by asking him to resign as manager.

Fortunately, Alan Ball survives the debacle. Other managers are not so lucky when the guillotine drops on them.

It is then that an unpublished rescue operation is put into motion with the aim of helping the unwanted managers through difficult times until they can climb back on the merry-go-round.

A kind of freemasonry takes over whereby managers in work give their friends who are on the dole a part-time scouting job to keep them in touch with people in the game, thus improving their chances of making a comeback.

Dave Sexton is a dutiful supporter of the unofficial body. When his close friend Bobby Campbell lost his job at Fulham this season, the Manchester United manager recruited him for scouting missions.

"Unpaid"

Campbell, one of the busiest "moles" this season, explains: "Most managers, who are out of work, do it on an unpaid basis, for expenses only."

"It's a way of keeping in touch, of getting involved."

Campbell is one of a small army of "moles" operating at Football League matches.

Jimmy Melia, the former Liverpool favourite who lost his job as manager of Southport, works for Brighton's boss Alan Mullery.

Andy Nelson, former manager of Charlton, has been unable to find another job in management, so Lawrie McMenemy picks his brains on behalf of Southampton.

McMenemy is one of the most vigorous operators of the "mole" system of spying. Jimmy Andrews, former Cardiff manager, and Alan Dicks (ex-Bristol City) have all been used by the Saints manager this season.

Keith Burkinshaw has played a major part in saving Bill Nicholson's self respect after a lifetime in football. "Nick" appeared to be lost to the game when Tottenham appointed Terry Neill to replace him, but when Neill went to Arsenal, Burkinshaw, the new manager at White Hart Lane, lost no time in utilising Nicholson's tried and trusted knowledge of the game.

It is a source of considerable comfort to many unemployed managers that although often callous boards of directors can destroy their careers, soccer's old pals act down the line will never die.

**ENGLAND v SPAIN
WEMBLEY
March 25th**

RON Greenwood hopes England can turn the clock back 12 months when Spain visit Wembley next week. It was a year ago that England beat Spain 2-0 in a Barcelona friendly, arguably their best performance under Greenwood.

That night Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock tore holes in the Spanish defence; it was, however, the all-round team display that had everyone purring.

Since then Trevor Francis has not played for England because of his Achilles tendon injury. You can

Trevor Francis:
England debut — 1977 v Holland
Appearances — 18 (4 as substitute)
Goals — 3



bet the national debt that the Forest man will be the first player Greenwood puts down on his team-sheet.

Kevin Keegan will also make his first England appearance as a Southampton player. Ironically, one of the main reasons he returned from Hamburg was so he could be closer to the England set-up. Niggling injuries have kept Keegan out of the international side so far this season.

Francis has shown that he has lost none of the speed and skill that made him so deadly last year. If anything, he's an even better player and the Wembley crowd will reserve a special cheer for this popular player.

Keegan, now 30, has had his critics over the past year. He had, by his own admission, a disappointing European Championship. Since returning to England he's been hit by injuries for the first time in his career.

"It's been hard for me to adjust to the fact that at 30 you don't recover quite as quickly," he says. "In the past if the doctors had said six weeks I've been back in two, or three."

"I've tried to play through

Trevor Francis torments Spain during his last England game in Barcelona.

'TO PLAY ENGLAND IS WORTH SIX GAMES'- Arconada

LUIS Arconada has shot to international fame since he impressed Ron Greenwood and the England team that beat Spain 2-0 in Barcelona this time last year. England recorded a repeat 2-1 win in the European Championship Finals last summer, where Arconada's superb goalkeeping led to him being rated by many critics as the best in Europe — an opinion endorsed by West German boss Jupp Derwall, who selected him for his U.E.F.A. team to play an Earthquake Relief match in Rome last month. Now, Spain hope to be third-time-lucky in their clash with England at Wembley.



SHOOT Luis, let's start with the 0-2 in Barcelona last year. What memories have you got of that game?

ARCONADA Bad ones! England won, and they won easily. They were better than us in all departments of the game. Miles better. In fact I would go on record as saying that was one of the two best footballing performances I have seen in my life. The other one was



LEFT . . . Ipswich's Russell Osman is in line for his Wembley debut.
BELOW . . . Kevin Keegan in action against Spain in Naples.



the first time I played in the U.E.F.A. Cup. 1976 I think it was, when we had to play Liverpool. I was in goal for the first leg in San Sebastian when we lost 1-3, and that team — with Keegan, Toshack, Heighway and all the others — was simply marvellous. I would say England reached the same level as that during our match in Barcelona last year. It was a superb team effort all-round, but if you twist my arm and ask me to pick out individuals I'd go for Tony Woodcock. And then Trevor Francis. The men who scored the two goals. And the defence is very tight — it's difficult to penetrate and they play good balls out to the sprinters up front. Yet when we met again in Italy they weren't anything like as impressive.

SHOOT Yes, if anything England were lucky to win that one, weren't they?

ARCONADA Yes, maybe we deserved a draw. I don't know what happened to England between March and June, because their game had gone down a lot. Maybe the climate, maybe tiredness after a long season — I don't know.

SHOOT Of course, since your meetings with England, Ladislao Kubala has gone and Pepe Santamaria has taken over as

manager. Has this meant any important changes on the pitch?

ARCONADA Well, the whole scene has been re-focused. Santamaria and the F.A. have drawn up a preparation programme for the 1982 World Cup. And we're running two 'A' teams, because there'll be 22 players in our World Cup squad, and we want everybody to have had the maximum of international experience. So at the same time as we're playing at Wembley our other squad members will be playing England 'B' in Granada, and I want to stress that this is also an important match in our preparation programme. We are all working with the 1982 World Cup very much in mind — this is our goal at the moment.

SHOOT How do you feel about playing at Wembley, Luis?

ARCONADA Well, this will be the first time for me, and I'm really looking forward to it. Apart from the honour of playing at Wembley, it'll be great to visit London for the first time. On my other visit, we stayed in Manchester.

SHOOT Why is it that Spain seem to play better away from home?

injuries, but I couldn't and it affected my whole game. Football's hard enough without trying to play when you're not 100 per cent."

If one thing has spurred on Keegan it's criticism from the media.

"It's had the effect of making me fight even harder. I thrive on people having a go at me. All it does is make me want to prove them wrong. If I do my stuff at Wembley people will be crawling back and want to know me."

Greenwood will use the Spain game to test some younger players, something he is unwilling to do in competitive matches.

Russell Osman or Terry Butcher — or even both — could line-up at the heart of the England defence. The Ipswich pair have been formidable this season as Town power their way towards the Championship. With Dave Watson in his mid-30's there is a chance for a younger player to stake his claim alongside

Kevin Keegan:
England debut — 1973
v Wales.
Appearances — 54
Goals — 19

Phil Thompson, if he's fit.

Glenn Hoddle and Graham Rix may be given another run-out, and Greenwood will be hoping Ray Wilkins is match-fit. The Manchester United midfielder was England's star man in Italy, although Wilkins is aware of the growing stature of West Brom's Bryan Robson.

Paul Mariner is having his best-ever season, yet Greenwood may be tempted to play without an orthodox centre-forward to see if the Francis-Woodcock combination can start where it left off in Barcelona.

What Greenwood must be looking for, with the World Cup Finals little over a year away, is a steady improvement. Whether his recognised team, with its established stars, can improve is questionable, and the side may need the injection of youth.

Yardstick

While few people genuinely believe England will win the World Cup in Spain, that must be the yardstick.

England should qualify and reach the later stages of the tournament. Whether they can overcome the power of Belgium, the solidity of West Germany or the South American skills of Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil is doubtful.

We still don't know whether Laurie Cunningham, Alan Devonshire, Glenn Hoddle or Graham Rix can do a job for England, but they at least have the sort of skill needed to win matches with a flash of individual genius.

England have eight games between now and the end of the season, including the prestige friendly against Brazil. By June 6th, when England play Hungary, let's hope one or two young players have established themselves as new England stars.

Their country needs them.

PAST RESULTS

(England's score first)

1929 Madrid 3-4
1931 Highbury 7-1
1950 Rio de Janeiro 0-1
1955 Madrid 1-1
1955 Wembley 4-1
1960 Madrid 0-3
1960 Wembley 4-2
1965 Madrid 2-0
1967 Wembley 2-0
1968 Wembley 1-0
1968 Madrid 2-1
1980 Barcelona 2-0
1980 Naples 2-1

a dozen against less opposition, or in half a dozen home games, where the other team barely troubles you.

SHOOT And the result?

ARCONADA Yes, it is important. Logically it isn't vital to either team, but the fans want positive results. That's the way football is . . .

SHOOT What will you bring back from London?

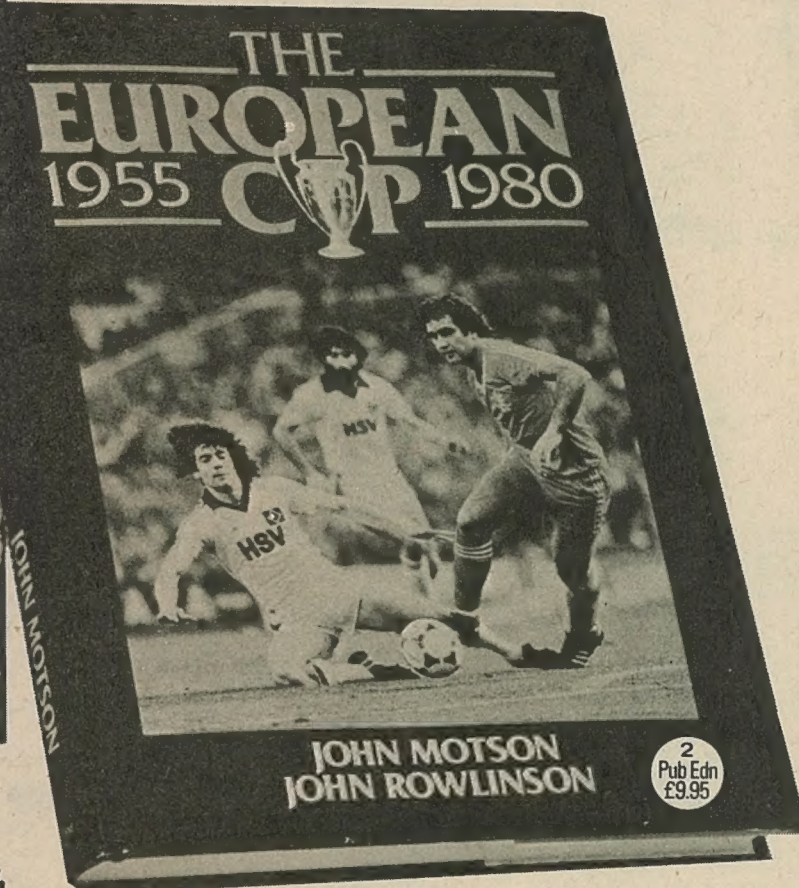
ARCONADA I don't know — I just want to see the city. Let's say experience and memories. Preferably good ones!

● Interview by Graham Turner

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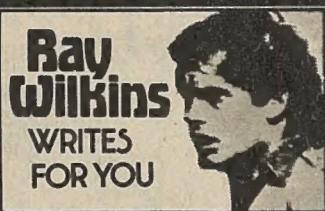
**SPORTSMANS
BOOK CLUB**

If I am totally honest, then I must say that my current form doesn't warrant an England comeback.

Having said that, there have been times in the past when my club form has been indifferent, but Ron Greenwood has played me. After almost six months on the sidelines, simply to be in the squad for the Spain game would be considered a bonus.

The England manager has kept faith with players and my fingers have been crossed that I'm not overlooked. I'm 100 per cent fit physically, with no reaction to the groin injury. What I'm missing is that extra sharpness... confidence on the ball... awareness of people around me so I'm not caught in possession.

I've noticed a steady improvement and I'm far from being unhappy with my form. It was a bonus to play the full 90 minutes for the European XI against an Italian XI last month. Having been away from the international scene for a while, it was the ideal chance to get back into the swing of things. The



see in overseas 'keepers. He's quick off his line, has razor sharp reflexes and tremendous anticipation. I don't know how highly he's rated in Spain, but I'd be surprised if they've ever produced a better goalkeeper.

We beat them 2-1 in the European Championship, where again Arconada was outstanding, although a draw would have been a fairer result. During that match another Spanish player, midfielder Zuviria, impressed me greatly with his strong running.

I'm sure we'll beat Spain,

whichever team the manager picks. A win against the World Cup hosts will be just the boost we need to take on Rumania at Wembley at the end of April.

I've missed the England scene. I love being associated with the national team and it's been hard watching them on television after being a regular for the last 15 games or so. Fingers crossed...

Popular

This Saturday United will play the Champions-elect Ipswich Town. Even though I'm sure Town will win the title — and popular Champions they'll be, too — if we play to our potential we'll beat them.

It's an understatement to say we could do with two points against Ipswich. The speculation surrounding United makes us all edgy before games... we're not

relaxed and we know that an early goal is vital.

I don't think we've been playing as badly as people make out. We lost our unbeaten home record against Leeds, yet we murdered them for most of the match. Basically we have good players and once our confidence comes back we'll be okay.

Confidence is something Ipswich have had plenty of this season. I think every team would like to have played the way they have.

I remember last year's meeting at Old Trafford; it was somewhat controversial. Lou Macari body-checked Frans Thijssen as he was about to tackle Sammy McIlroy — the move which led to our goal. We also missed a penalty.

I'll close with the news that I'm going to be a dad in October — and I hope you'll join me again in a fortnight.

'I'm worried about my England place'

game was competitive, but without the needle that one can see in 'real' games.

I wouldn't be surprised if West Brom's Bryan Robson keeps his place against Spain. He once said he prefers the back four and logically I suppose if we are to play together that's where he would be. We're similar players, operating deep in midfield.

It's difficult to say how Ron Greenwood will use the friendly. There are two ways he can look at it; an opportunity to try some inexperienced youngsters, or to keep the established team together with the World Cup tie against Rumania just a few weeks away.

One player who I'm sure will play, come what may, is Trevor Francis. I'd say Trevor will be the first name on the team-sheet. I was talking to Tony Woodcock, who also played for the European XI, and he was telling me how worried he was about his place in the team.

He felt that with Paul Mariner, the man in possession of the number nine shirt, and Trevor back to his best, he could be the one to make way, but I see Tony as a firm fixture.

Spain will be a good test for us, because they will play as Rumania will next month: defensively. If the pattern of our last two meetings follows, Arconada is the man we'll have to overcome to secure victory. We'd have won 5-0 in Barcelona last March had it not been for the Real Sociedad 'keeper.

While he punches like all Continental goalkeepers, he has many qualities that you don't always



SCOTLAND v N. IRELAND, Hampden Park, March 25th

WHILE Scotland may have stuttered on the way to that single goal victory over Israel in Tel Aviv, team boss Jock Stein can now look at the qualifying section with quiet satisfaction.

Stein was not pleased with all of the performance in the Ramat Gan Stadium — the players admit that a half-time blasting from the Scotland manager was the worst they had heard at World Cup level.

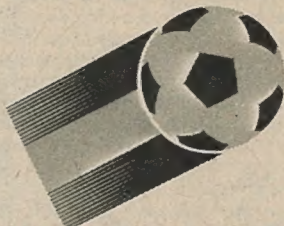
Yet, that game is in the past and the simple statistic is that Scotland took two points and that after three games — two away from home — they sit with five points.

Not only that, the Scots' players realise that their next three games are all at home: Northern Ireland next week; Israel a month later and then Sweden in September.

Indeed, Stein sees qualification

Israel. There they were, having 11 or 12 games together since the start of the season while we had had just two. And the last one was back in October when we played against Portugal at Hampden.

There was a rustiness about our understanding. We had Kenny Burns playing alongside Alex McLeish at the centre of the defence and we wanted Kenny to



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STEIN BLAST PEPS SCOTLAND

for the Finals in Spain closer now than he ever expected at this stage. He points out: "If we can beat Northern Ireland at Hampden it will mean that we have opened up a gap of four points over them with just four games to play. That could prove very decisive, especially as we have the two home games to follow."

Since taking over from the ill-starred Ally MacLeod the former Celtic manager has played down the publicity which could surround the side, but now, he reckons the Ireland match can be a vital one.

"If we can beat Northern Ireland and open up that gap," he maintains, "then we can start thinking about the Finals."

Testing

Then, as he savoured the thought of testing himself and his players against the best teams in the world next summer he talked about his view of the game's greatest tournament.

Outlining his own ideas Stein explained: "It's a battle having to qualify. It's a time for fighting and surviving, a time for getting the overalls on and working as hard as you know how to get the results and the points that you need to get to the Finals. It would be nice to qualify with style — but the important thing at this stage is simply to qualify!"

"The style will follow. The class is there and we have time to get all the style that people want if we do qualify. We have a programme of games ready to allow the players a chance to get involved in the playing pattern we want.

"We found that a problem in

sweep but he has been playing differently for Forest so they didn't get together.

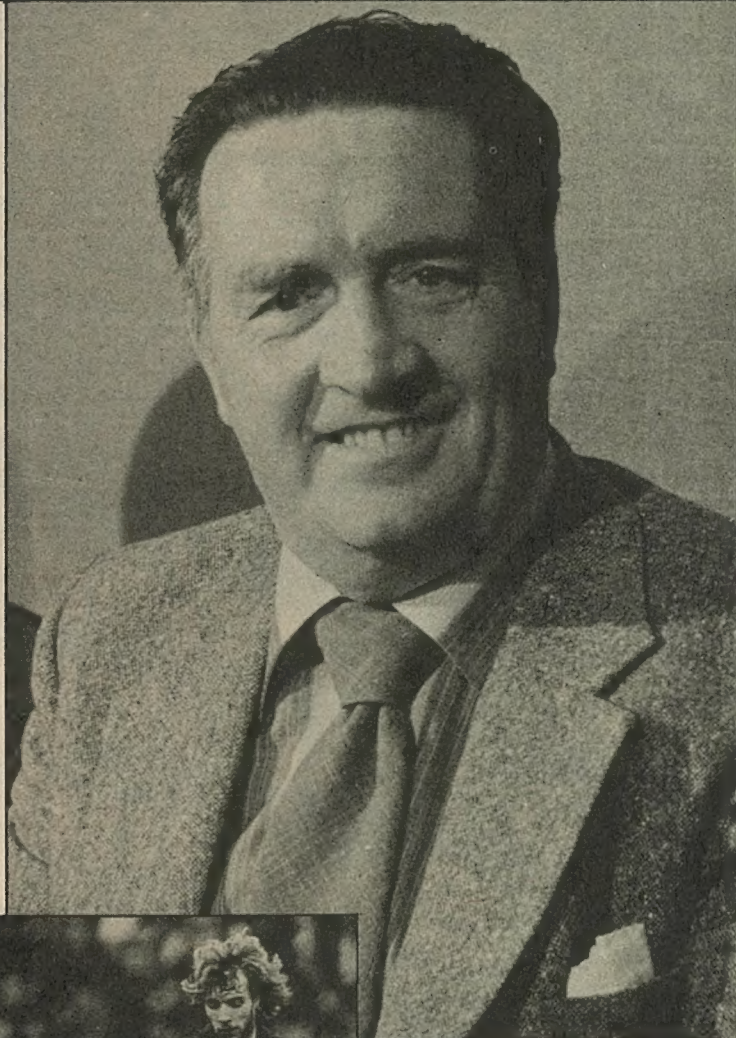
"That brought us a lot of problems. There were one or two other things, as well. In fact, at half-time there were only a few players I exempted from criticism. They were the goalkeeper, Alan Rough, Kenny Dalglish and Steve Archibald and to a lesser extent, Graeme Souness. For the rest — they were bad and they were told just how bad. I have never talked to players as harshly before. But, full marks to them, they went out in the second-half and won the game. That was the important

thing."

That and, perhaps a bonus from the half-time changes Stein made as he doctored the team in a bid to change the flow of the game. His first aid worked, particularly the change which sent on Willie Miller to partner his Aberdeen club-mate McLeish and pushed the iron hard Burns into midfield in place of injured John Wark.

The Forest man was so impressive playing between Souness and Archie Gemmill he may be asked to stay there against the Irish.

Stein was impressed with Burns in that second-half, and he knows



Jock Stein (above) wasn't happy with the first-half performance of Scotland against Israel (left).



the value of having an anchor man between two more attack minded midfield men. Gordon Strachan is, of course, out for the season, Gemmill is fighting against a nasty injury he collected in Israel but the spirit in the squad stays high.

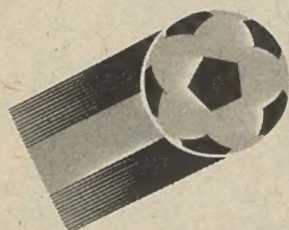
On the Northern Ireland match Stein reflects: "I think they will come to Hampden to try to make it hard for us — just the way the Portuguese did. It's ironic that the best we have played so far in the section was against the Portuguese when Bento saved them from defeat.

"But this was always going to be a funny section. I expected more from Sweden. I thought they would always be in contention. Instead they are out of things just as Israel are. The three others are left to cut each other up.

"So, the Irish will be defensive. They have looked at our games against Portugal and I think they will hope to pose us problems in the same way. But we have had another game under our belts — and another victory. What we have to realise is that we are in a very good position. We've spent too long being gallant losers while other teams have scraped through in matches overseas. Maybe now it's our turn."

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FORMER FOREST TEAM-MATES DISCUSS THE ALL-BRITISH WORLD CUP CLASH



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ROBERTSON: It's going to be quite a game. Obviously, playing at home has got to give us the edge but how do the Irish boys view the prospect of playing at Hampden?

O'NEILL: I'm not going to say it frightens players, but there is certainly a tremendous atmosphere in the ground and you are left in no doubt about whose side the fans are on. The noise the fans make can be slightly off-putting, but I'd like to think we have enough experienced players to cope with the situation.

ROBERTSON: Yes, we've only got to look at the likes of yourself and Pat Jennings to realise that there are players in the Northern Ireland team who have seen everything in the game. We're aware that we've got to produce something special to beat Jennings, who is still one of the best 'keepers in the world.

O'NEILL: Couldn't agree with you more. The big man is very important to us — the best I've ever seen — but Scotland have players who will test him. I've always been a great admirer of Kenny Dalglish and it worries me that he might twist and turn his way through our defence. He's a world class player in every sense.

ROBERTSON: Kenny is a great player to have in your side and, as he showed in Israel recently, he's always capable of getting vital goals. But the most heartening thing about the Scotland set up these days is the way that the team as a whole seems to be settling into a pattern.

O'NEILL: It does appear that Scotland are getting a little more consistent, and I suppose a lot has got to go down to Jock Stein for that.

ROBERTSON: The manager has



The last Scotland / Northern Ireland clash at Hampden ... May, 1979. Scotland won 1-0.

GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
Scotland	3	2	1	0	2	0	5
N. Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Israel	5	0	3	2	1	5	3
Sweden	4	0	2	2	1	5	2

PAST RESULTS

Played 85, Scotland won 59, N. Ireland won 14, Drawn 12. Goals — Scotland 249, N. Ireland 77.

'Playing at home must give us the edge'

JOHN ROBERTSON

'The atmosphere at Hampden can be off-putting'

MARTIN O'NEILL

instilled discipline in our play. He encourages individuals to produce the form they show at club level but he's also keen that we don't lose our rhythm as a team. One of the great things is that, like Brian Clough and Peter Taylor at Nottingham Forest, he doesn't worry all that much about the opposition. It's what Scotland do that matters most to him.

O'NEILL: I'd like to think that we look upon things in the same way but, as with other countries, a lot depends on us getting our first choice team together. If that happens, we are confident of getting a result anywhere, but I must admit we have got everything to do now if we are to qualify for the World Cup Finals.

ROBERTSON: We realise that if we beat Northern Ireland at Hampden it could go a long way to putting you out of the reckoning, but we are aware that we still have it all to do ourselves.

O'NEILL: We've got three games coming up quickly against Scotland (away), Portugal (home) and Sweden (away) and to be honest the absolute minimum we need is four points out of the six. I hope we can get five, and six would be out of this world. Where we failed was settling for a draw in Israel, where I thought teams would generally have problems.

ROBERTSON: Yes, we were delighted with the two points out there and with home games to come in the competition we have it in our own hands to qualify. I'd love Scotland to get to Spain and for me to be part of it, because I really want to put the record straight for Argentina. Even accounting for the success we've had at Forest, playing in the World Cup Finals should have been the highlight of my career but it turned out to be a disaster.

O'NEILL: Having experienced football at the highest level with Forest and been around the world with Northern Ireland, I would obviously love the opportunity of qualifying for the Finals. If we got there I think we are the sort of side that might surprise a few people — like Belgium did in the European Championship. But we'll just keep our fingers crossed and hope that we get a few breaks.

TURKEY v WALES, Ankara, March 25th

JAMES MAKES IT SO EASY

WALES are in command of Group Three of the World Cup qualifying competition — and that is how they intend to stay. Even a neutral like Republic of Ireland manager Eoin Hand backs them to reach the Finals in Spain.

"You are going to be difficult to beat," he told counterpart Mike England in acknowledging defeat.

That comment came after Wales had beaten the Republic 3-1 in Dublin last month as they warmed up for Wednesday's vital match in Turkey. "If you play like that all the way, you'll make it," said Hand.

England responds: "It was good to hear that from an opposing manager and, beyond any doubt, the players know that they have something special going for them. They are playing as a unit with tremendous drive and spirit."

"There was one player who summed it up for me in Dublin — Leighton James. We asked him to play a different role, operating from a deeper position and taking on more responsibility, especially when we didn't have the ball."

"He responded with a super display. He wasn't playing for Leighton James. He was playing for Wales. After the game I congratulated Kevin Ratcliffe on yet another great display at left-back, but he said 'Mike, it was easy. At every turn, there was Leighton helping out — his assistance was invaluable to me'."

'Tight Corner'

"That is the something extra that we have going for us, and it shows up time and again as new players arrive in the squad. In a tight corner because of injuries just before the trip to Dublin, for instance, I called in Crystal Palace's Terry Boyle."

"He went straight into the side to win his first cap and produced a display that he will never forget. Not only did he score a fine goal on his debut, but competed magnificently from first to last."

"Once a player gets a taste of the action in this Welsh squad, there is no way that he is prepared to be left out again."

Mike England successfully negotiated the first match between the countries since Izmir. When Wales won 4-0 at Cardiff's Ninian Park in October, there was not a sign of revenge head hunting — but Turkish crowds will stoke up the atmosphere and could inflame their players.

Both the Welsh and Turkish associations have acted astutely. The game has been switched from Izmir, now Turkey's leading football city, to Ankara several

Leighton James torments a Turkish defender in the previous World Cup-tie.



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hundred miles away. But the discipline of the Welsh players not to retaliate in face of extreme provocation must be total.

Wales have already cleared one hurdle with that win in Dublin. From the highpoint of the wins at Cardiff last autumn against Turkey and Czechoslovakia, doubts started to creep in. Yorath lost his place at Tottenham and then joined Vancouver Whitecaps; Leighton James, Leighton Phillips and David Giles have all experienced problems of form and fitness at Swansea; Ian Walsh was in and out at Palace; Peter Nicholas asked for a move from troubled Selhurst Park... there seemed a danger of Wales going off the boil.

"Not at all," snaps Yorath. "I was in Tottenham's reserves when we beat the Czechs and I think I had one of my best internationals. Club problems count for nothing when we wear the red shirt of Wales."

No trouble from Turkish fans

WILL there be a welcome in the hillsides of Turkey for Mike England's lads on March 25th? Will Turkish fans endanger the foundations of the stadium in Ankara with blood-curdling threats against the side that trounced them by four goals to nothing last October? Is mayhem on the menu?

Hardly. In fact, it is entirely possible to accurately predict crowd reactions, and almost possible to anticipate the Turkish national team tactics for this, the second of Turkey's home games in Group Three.

One thing is for sure. There will be no crowd terrorism, in or out of the stadium. Following the bloodless military coup in Turkey the nation has enjoyed a period of non-violence for the first time in many years, and although General Evren controls with a velvet glove, the iron hand deals promptly with trouble-makers — football as well as political.

Neither will the 4-0 drubbing be uppermost in the minds of supporters who, only three weeks previously, had seen their side humbled 1-3 at the Izmir Stadium by the tiny Arctic feet of Iceland!

Indeed, if history is merely to repeat itself, then Turkey will beat Wales 1-0, just as they did at Izmir

in November, 1979. Significantly, the only Welshman from that side who has remained fixed in Turkish soccer memory is Byron Stevenson, whose 6' 1" frame swung behind the punch that smashed in the face of one of Turkey's most-admired players.

And the crowd? They will probably politely ignore any fine play by the Welshmen — unless, that is, they become so frustrated with their own side that they eventually show their discontent by cheering every Welsh touch of the ball!

Rapturous

Mind you, if Kevin Keegan were playing he'd be assured of a rapturous hero's welcome, no matter which ten Englishmen followed him on to the pitch. And yet, strangely, England and Turkey have never met at full international level!

And Turkey have only played Scotland once — on June 8th, 1960 in Ankara — and it was a fairly useful Scottish side that sported a trio of Super-Spurs; Bill Brown, Dave Mackay, and the late John White.

The result? Turkey 4, Scotland 2. Take care, ex-Spur, Mr England of Wales!!

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	3	3	0	0	9	0	6
USSR	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Czech.	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Turkey	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

PAST RESULTS

(Wales' score first)	
1978 Wrexham	1-0
1979 Izmir	0-1
1980 Cardiff	4-0

BELGIUM v REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, Brussels, March 25th

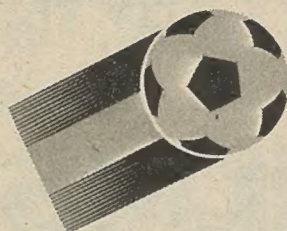
THE World Cup qualifying game in Brussels next Wednesday is regarded as the most important in the 60-year history of the Football Association of Ireland.

After years of near misses the Irish supporters feel that their luck must change. In recent years the phrase 'luck of the Irish' has become something of a joke.

But it is said that you make your own luck in football, and the real reason for Eire's failure to qualify for the closing stages of the World Cup or European Championship has been their dismal away record.

There have been highs and lows over the past year. A feeling of elation after successive fighting comebacks against Holland and Belgium in Dublin which earned three points. But then the depression set in following that 2-0 defeat in Paris last October.

However, hopes of qualifying



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GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eire	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Belgium	4	3	1	0	7	3	7
France	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Holland	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Cyprus	5	0	0	5	4	24	0

PAST RESULTS

(Eire's score first)
 12 Feb, 1928 (Liege) 4-2
 11 May, 1930 (Brussels) 3-1
 25 Feb, 1934 (Dublin) 4-4
 24 Apr, 1949 (Dublin) 0-2
 10 May, 1950 (Brussels) 1-5
 24 March, 1965 (Dublin) 0-2
 25 May, 1966 (Liege) 3-2
 15 Oct, 1980 (Dublin) 1-1.

BOOKMAKERS WRITE OFF THE IRISH



were raised again after the record 6-0 win over Cyprus at Lansdowne Road in November.

Ironically the unrated Cypriots have done the Irish a few favours since then. Last month they cut expenses by playing Belgium and Holland in the same week.

They almost snatched a point from Belgium; holding Holland to a 3-0 scoreline was also a help, should the Dutch make a late run.

A new found confidence abounded in Ireland after Cyprus' mini tour, but the dreamers were brought back to reality in their own backyard.

An under-strength Eire side were beaten 3-1 by an equally depleted Welsh side at Tolka Park, Dublin on February 24th. After spying on the game, Belgian manager Guy Thys said he had learnt nothing.

More importantly, did Eoin Hand learn anything from that game? "With so many of our

established players missing I don't consider that the result of the Welsh match has much relevance to our World Cup programme," he said.

"The Belgians relied heavily on the offside trap when they visited Dublin last October, but the onus will be on them to come at us next week. In that sense it will be a completely different ball game this time round," Hand added.

Since he took charge of the national side last May, Hand has relied on a small squad. In his four World Cup games, he has used only 14 different players.

Brendan O'Callaghan is the only new player likely to get a taste of World Cup football next week. The big Stoke City lad had a good first-half against Wales as central defender. For the second period of that game he was moved up front to the exclusion of Don Givens.

Everton 'keeper Jim McDonagh did not impress, and it is unlikely that there will be any major surprises in the 11 that will wear the green in Brussels.

One sobering thought. The bookmakers are quoting odds of ten to one against Eire qualifying from their group.

Chris Hughton battles against Bert Cluytens during the Eire/Belgium game in Dublin.

'I hope Eire qualify'- Pfaff

JEAN-Marie Pfaff hopes the Republic will qualify for the World Cup Finals ... along with Belgium. The Beveren goalkeeper says: "We're in a tough group, but I'd like to see Eire qualify along with us because I like the Irish approach. Their sound, spectacular kind of football would be a welcome asset in Spain."

"I rate Eire very highly. They're a fine team, with a good balance and 100 per cent commitment for the entire 90 minutes. I also think they are a very fair team, with respect for their opponents."

Pfaff remembers the game last October at Lansdowne Road, which finished 1-1.

"We were pleased with that result. The Irish kept coming at us all the time, backed by a very

enthusiastic crowd. At times it was difficult for us to resist the pressure."

"It's not easy to say how next week's game will go. Obviously we'll start as favourites, especially as Eire have a poor away record. Having said that, I thought they were unlucky to lose 2-0 in France. They certainly won't be a walk-over!"

"I doubt if our approach will differ. We always prepare in the same way. Our coach, Guy Thys, discusses tactics with us. Personally, I'm not a fan of the offside trap, although it can be effective, as was shown in the European Championship."

"Being the goalkeeper in such situations isn't easy. It demands even greater concentration."

More than anything, Pfaff hopes the evergreen Wilfried Van Moer will be fit to return.

"Without him we lose 25 per cent. At 36 he is still our midfield general. We simply can't afford to be without him, as was illustrated against Cyprus, when we struggled to a 3-2 win."

"Even so, we have a new fighting spirit. Under Raymond Goethals we were very defensive and once we fell behind that was that. Thys has inspired us, made us believe in ourselves. He has created a well-composed Belgium team in which there is great friendship."

"Playing in Spain would be the highlight of my career. It's the goal of every member of the squad."

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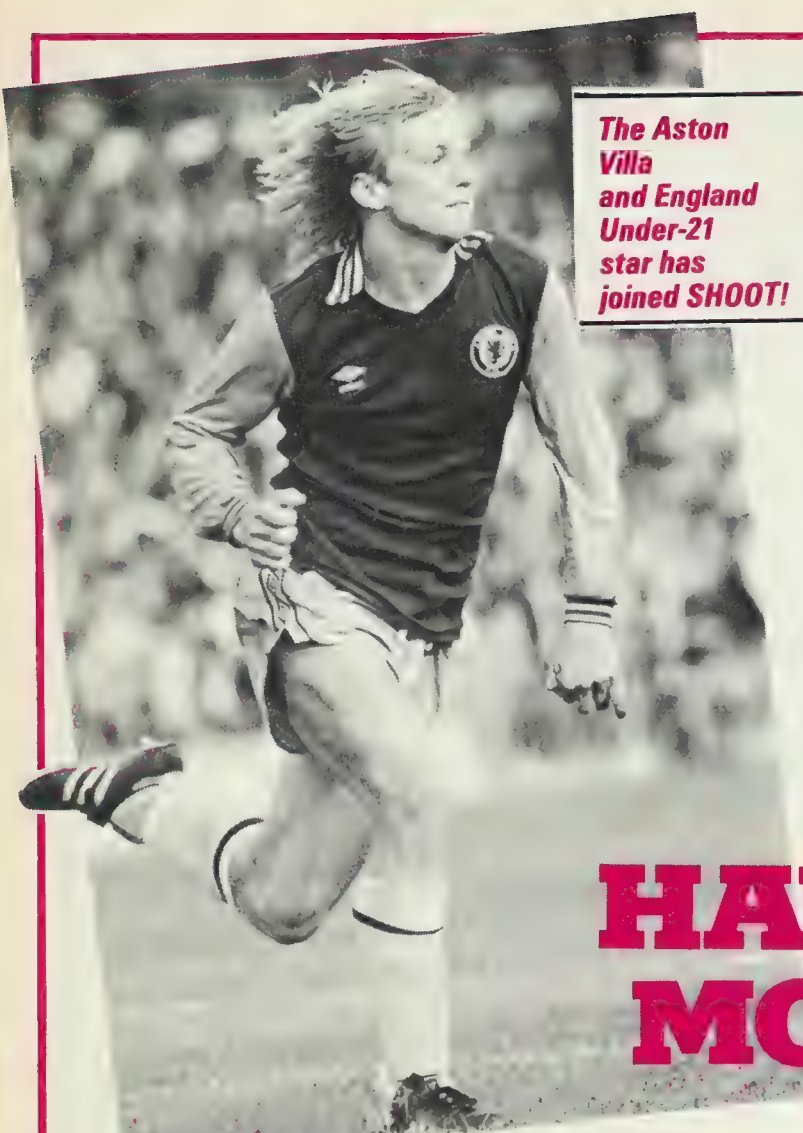
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him for full England honours in the near future.

Tony has made a tremendous difference to the side this season. He's very quick, has the confidence and ability to take on and beat defenders, is a superb crosser of the ball and can score goals. What more can you ask of a winger?

Tony is not the only person at Villa Park to have survived a few storms of controversy. Ron Saunders has had his share of criticism yet has emerged stronger than ever after building his third team in six years.

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and does a lot to protect me from uncompromising defenders.

Peter is the life and soul of the dressing room. He's a tremendous character, always laughing and joking. For a bloke that never stops eating, he's tremendously fit. He's so dedicated that training to him is an art. Peter actually enjoys it, setting the perfect example.

Apart from Withe, most of the other lads at the club have been together for three or four seasons.

I joined Villa straight from school, signing professional on January 12, 1979. If I hadn't made the grade as a footballer I would have stayed on at college to study sports journalism, coaching or recreational management.

'I SHOULD HAVE SCORED MORE GOALS'

AT the start of the season few people outside my native Birmingham had even heard of the name Gary Shaw.

Yet here I am six months later, a regular member of an Aston Villa side chasing their first Championship title for 70 years and an England Under-21 international.

Apart from gaining my first cap against the Republic of Ireland at Liverpool recently I was lucky enough to score the only goal of the game.

There's only one word to describe the season so far for me — unbelievable.

Although my career has been a schoolboy's dream, I'm determined to keep my feet firmly on the ground. There's no way my dad or manager Ron Saunders would allow me to become complacent.

At the moment I'm still living at home with my parents in Kingshurst, a suburb of Birmingham where I was born. All the neighbours and friends have known me for years, so fortunately I'm able to dodge all the superstar treatment. I'd hate it anyhow.

But don't confuse complacency with confidence. That is a vital characteristic the manager has bred into a Villa squad good enough to become the best in the country.

Sportswriters have often asked me to reveal the secret of Villa's rise this season after the problems and

frustrations of the last couple of years.

We're virtually the same team, with the exception of Peter Withe. The only difference has been Villa's injury-free run.

Rarely over the last two or three seasons has manager Ron Saunders been able to field a full strength side two matches running.

This season the team has virtually been the same every week, and it's showed.

Tough time

But lack of injuries isn't the only reason for Villa's Championship form. Team-work is an important part of our game. Everyone is prepared to give 100 per cent and work hard for each other. If certain individuals are having a tough time others will rally round to help and support them.

Villa also play it simple, get the ball forward extremely quickly and have midfielders supporting the front players.

We're also good at closing teams down and stopping them from playing. Villa set their stall out first... take the game by the scruff of the neck from the kick-off.

And what a revelation Tony Morley has been this season. Tony went through a bad spell last year and was in danger of stagnating in the reserves. Now the media are tipping

can go to Ron knowing he'll get a sympathetic hearing. Contrary to his image, the boss enjoys a laugh and a joke with the lads.

Don't look to him for personal praise, though. The boss believes in team-work and compliments are to be shared. If a player wins an international call-up, Ron will tell him to go round and thank all the other lads in the team for their efforts.

Ron Saunders also has a reputation for commando-like training methods. Well, he's the only manager I've played under so I can't make comparisons, but I don't think Villa train any harder than other top clubs.

Peter Withe's arrival, for a club record fee of £500,000 from Newcastle, has contributed enormously to the rise of Villa this season. He's certainly responsible for most of the goals I've scored.

Many fans in the Midlands remember Peter from his days at Birmingham when he was regarded as a bit of a misfit.

Now he's a real thoroughbred, thanks to Brian Clough and Peter Taylor's influence at Nottingham Forest.

I immediately struck up a terrific understanding with Peter, who is completely unselfish in his approach. I feed off him all the time. He creates so many chances with his knock-ons that I should really have scored more goals than I have.

A brave player, Peter uses his height to great effect and advantage

My life would have revolved around sport in some way. I'm not much good at anything else.

Apart from soccer I enjoy squash, tennis, snooker and cricket. I play for Birmingham club Moor Green and finished last season top scorer with an average of 40 runs a game.

When I wasn't playing I watched Warwickshire win the John Player Sunday League.

Like all lads of 20, I'm a great music fan. My favourite groups are Supertramp and The Police. In fact it's my ambition to meet Sting, their lead singer.

Tension

I've always had a fancy to become a drummer in a rock group. I even had a set of drums until recently. Playing them was a great way of releasing the tension and pressure of helping Villa maintain their title challenge.

I've really enjoyed writing my first column for SHOOT, the magazine I've read for the last six years.

In two week's time I'll be back talking about the role I play for Villa, how I deal with those tough centre-halves and the striker I rate the best in Britain at the moment.

Bas Withe
Gary Shaw



Kenny Burns forces Mizrahi to make an acrobatic save.



Steve Archibald goes close, but Israel's hero, 'keeper Mizrahi, saves again.



Scotland's 1-0 win in Israel made it five points out of six from their three World Cup qualifying ties. Here's the pick of the action from Tel Aviv.

Kenny Dalglish turns in triumph after scoring the decisive goal.

FIVE OUT OF SIX FOR SCOTLAND



John Robertson takes a tumble after this tackle from Machness.

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'WORLD CLASS ROUGH'

OUR victory in Israel means that Scotland really are off and running for a place in the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

If someone had told us before a ball was kicked in this campaign that we would have five points from our first three games — two of those away from home — which Scots player or fan would not have been delighted?

In the bad old days Scotland were almost invincible at Hampden, but when we played away from that famous Hampden roar, the team seemed to go to pieces.

Of course, all this means nothing if we lose to Northern Ireland in Glasgow next Wednesday. A win there and even cautious Jock Stein will admit that a summer in Spain must be on the cards.

However, we are well aware that the Irish are no mugs. After all, who holds the crown as British Champions?

But Scottish morale is flying high.

Delighted

I thought we played well in Israel even if we didn't exactly set the heather on fire in the first-half. And I was delighted about the performance of Alan Rough, who really gave his English critics red faces.

Big "Scruff" proved that Bob Wilson and Co. were wrong all along. He really is a world class 'keeper of the highest quality.

Mind you, having said all of that, I agree with his after match comment. "What's all the fuss about," he said. "If I play like that for Partick Thistle no one takes any notice."

And he is right. What those in the South fail to realise is that Alan is playing like that week in, week out when the television cameras are miles away. And indeed I have seen him play even better than that for Scotland.

It was a World Cup qualifying game in Czechoslovakia which we lost 2-0. But had it not been for Alan we would have taken a right hammering.

But what of Israel, who still have to come to Hampden?

Well, they are a workmanlike side who obviously did their homework on us and who might have got a better result but for their diabolical finishing.

However, Kenny Dalglish got the goal at the right time for us and that was that. It was my first time over there and I enjoyed the trip, being reasonably happy with my own game.

A couple of the Israeli players are interesting British clubs, notably Aberdeen, and it could be that their players will do well here, as Avi Cohen has done at Liverpool.

But I'll tell them... they had better be prepared for a big change in weather. Tel Aviv and Aberdeen are both hospitable towns. But that is the only warmth they have in common!

Meanwhile we will continue down that World Cup trail which means March 25 v Northern Ireland and April 29 v Israel — both at Hampden.

Before this season is out we have a chance to become one of the first of the 24 qualifiers for Spain. We still have a lot of work to do, but I promise all members of the Tartan Army that we will be trying our best not to blow it.

Scottish football is down just now, at home and in Europe. We watched the Quarter-Finals of the Euro Cups with no more than outside interest.

Our game needs a lift. A passage to the Spanish Finals for our national team will provide it.

Ireland, be warned!

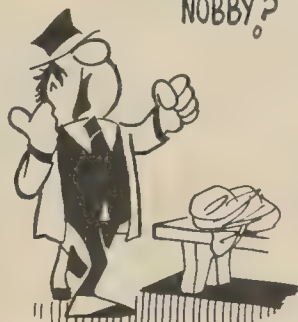
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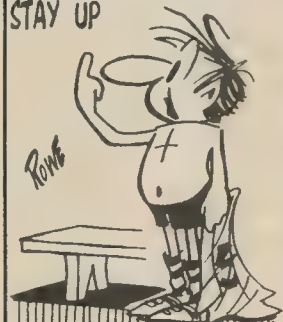
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FUNNY CHAP - I PLAY TO INSTRUCTIONS AND HE DOES HIS NUT!



IRISH RE UNION

VETERAN Irish League campaigners and former Northern Ireland internationals Johnny Jamison and Warren Feeney, who formed a lethal striking partnership in Glentoran's triumphs of the 70's, are back together again, this time in the colours of North Belfast outfit Crusaders.

Jamison arrived back at Seaview earlier this season after a success-littered decade at the Oval, while prolific marksman Feeney had a trophy-winning, two-term interlude with Linfield before teaming-up again with his old goal-hunting buddy.

MATTHEWS' COMEBACK

STANLEY MATTHEWS, now Sir Stanley Matthews and past his 66th birthday, has agreed to play in a charity match at Grangemouth Stadium, Stirlingshire, on Sunday, April 19, in aid of U.N.I.C.E.F.s Year of the Disabled. Rangers manager John Greig will also take part.

Stan's last game for England was in their 4-1 win against Denmark in May 1957.

England's line-up in Copenhagen that day was Hodgkinson; Hall, Byrne; Clayton, Wright, Edwards; Matthews, Atyeo, Taylor, Haynes, Finney.

'Get tougher' says Barnwell

WOLVES boss John Barnwell has come up with a new idea to turn his skilful young striker Wayne Clarke into a more aggressive player. Barnwell has thrown him into the rough and tumble action of midfield.

The Wolves manager says: "He has lacked consistent aggression and being in midfield will help him correct this part of his game."

Clarke, the youngest in a footballing family whose star was Allan Clarke, has always been hailed as the brother who would be the best of all. So far he has yet to realise his potential but Barnwell has been prepared to let him develop slowly. The move into midfield could be a sign that his patience is running out.



'Shilton the tops' SAYS TUEART

ENGLAND manager Ron Greenwood has never committed himself to deciding which is his best goalkeeper.

Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton share the job happily between themselves, safe in the knowledge that although England struggle in the world ratings as a team, they have few peers in the goalkeeping department.

However, one Football League player reckons that Shilton has the edge on Clemence.

Dennis Tueart, Manchester City's flying forward, says: "Peter Shilton gets my vote as the top goalkeeper in the game

with Joe Corrigan a close second.

"Ray Clemence has never been exposed as much as Shilton and Corrigan because of the fact that he plays for Liverpool and doesn't get as much work as other 'keepers."

"And Clemence has been found wanting on a few occasions recently as Liverpool have been playing badly while Shilton and Corrigan have been going from strength to strength."

Not everyone would agree with Tueart's verdict, especially the Liverpool fans, who can count the mistakes Clemence makes in one season on one hand.

Everton's star pupil

PAUL LODGE could soon become the new "star" of Merseyside. That is the opinion of Everton chief coach Eric Harrison after watching the 20-year-old's debut against Aston Villa.

"Paul is a creative player, and very strong with it," he said. "He can perform his defensive duties in midfield with no problems and has proved to be very adaptable."

The impressive form of one of Everton's other youngsters, Steve McMahon, has meant that Lodge has had to wait a long time for his chance. But he is not complaining. "Anyone who has seen Steve play knows that he has done well," he said. "I can't say it should have been me instead of him, but I do believe I'm good enough to play in the First Division."

JACK Charlton is definitely a popular manager of Sheffield Wednesday if the graffiti we saw on a wall is anything to go by. It said: "Sir Jack rules. What good is a knighthood to a King!"

NEWS DESK

Compiled by BILL DAY



GRIMSBY Town manager George Kerr may be proved wrong at the end of the season... and he'll be delighted.

Despite their high placing in Division Two, Kerr doesn't believe The Mariners can win promotion, thus becoming the first club ever to go from Division Four to Division One in successive seasons.

"I'm not just saying that to take the pressure off the players," he says. "In fact, they fancy their chances. I think we'll just miss out, though."

"Don't get me wrong. We have a very special side and on the park we'll give anyone a run for their money. It's behind the scenes we're not really geared for the First Division yet. To be honest, we're not even ready for Division Two!"

"I'll concede that if any team is ever going to make history in this respect it's us."

"I'm carrying on the good work done by those before me. The present team is a result of five managers, not just me."

If Grimsby continue to get the sort of results they have been this year, they could well reach Division One, despite Kerr's pessimism.

John Gardiner's S.O.S loan

GOALKEEPER John Gardiner, of Dundee United, has been transferred to Airdrie — but only on a temporary loan basis until the end of the season.

The loan has been given the full approval of the Scottish League. In granting their permission they took full account of the fact that Airdrie were in an extremely difficult position with signed goalkeepers John Martin and Alan Davidson out of the game through injury.

It is understood, however, that immediately one of the Broomfield 'keepers becomes match-fit again, then he must be fielded in the Airdrie League side.

Gardiner's temporary move came as quite a surprise when one considers the fact that Dundee United manager Jim McLean is not keen on lending out players to other clubs.

"In principle, I am really against temporary loans," the Tannadice boss explained.



LONG LIVE RED CARDS

RED and yellow cards have NOT been abandoned. In fact, England is the one country out of step! In Scotland and Ireland the system continues. In Wales, there is a dual standard... and the confusion will last for a long time yet.

Trevor Morris, secretary of the F.A.W., explains: "For Football League and F.A. Cup games played in Wales, there are no cards. For our own domestic football, we are keeping the system until we have ascertained the views of referees."

"When the cards were abolished by the F.A., we were told and that was that. There was no discussion. Like Scotland and Ireland, we make our decisions in the light of our own needs and experience, so red and yellow cards will still be seen in Welsh football at least until the end of the season."

Those English-based League clubs like Hereford and Shrewsbury, who reached the last eight of the Welsh Cup, can therefore anticipate cards being shown to their players for acts of indiscipline.

Briefly...

● Highland League side Brora Rangers notched up their highest score of the season when they beat their "bogey" team, Nairn County by 7-2 at Duddug Park.

● Although Dublin provides the majority of the Republic of Ireland internationals, soccer is at a low ebb in the Irish capital.

A city of its size cannot support six senior clubs, none of which are in contention for the League Championship. And Home

Farm, the only Dublin club left in the FAI Cup, were drawn away from home at the Quarter-Final stage.

● Stirling Albion's Matt McPhee celebrated his 500th appearance by scoring the only goal in the Scottish First Division League game against Dunfermline Athletic at East End Park.

● Only 12 months after resigning as West Bromwich Albion's secretary Mr Alan Everiss has returned to the First Division club as a director.

He said: "I missed the day to day running of the club, but I've kept in touch and I

feel it is a great honour to be asked to become a director of Albion."

"Contrary to what a lot of people think, a director is deeply involved with the running of the club, as there are a wide range of activities which require dedicated attention."

His return to The Hawthorns revives a family connection which goes back to the early days of the century.

● Nottingham Forest Supporters' Club has launched a new branch to serve the North-East. There is also a North-East branch of the Junior Reds

with boys and girls aged 16 and under all receiving "several gifts" upon joining and a quarterly newsletter.

Fans wishing to join should write to Robin Morris, 7 The Laran Beat, Spitalfields Yarm (repost Yarm), Cleveland.

● Manchester United and Northern Ireland star Sammy McIlroy is not the only member of his family to appear in the competitive arena.

His dad, Sammy senior, once played Irish League soccer for Linfield. One of the elder McIlroy's Windsor Park team-mates was Billy Drinnan, secretary of the Irish F.A.



A sample of the pictures taken by Chris Smith, a Sunday Times photographer, awarded the title "Sports Photographer of the Year."

Transfers

Ayre, William — Hartlepool to Halifax
Bowyer, Ian — Nottingham Forest to Sunderland
Digweed, Perry M. — Fulham to Brighton
Hamilton, David — Sunderland to Blackburn
Harrow, Andrew — Luton to Aberdeen
Johnson, Kevin P. — Halifax to Hartlepool
Lee, Trevor C. — Colchester to Gillingham
Lumby, James A. — Tranmere to Mansfield
Randall, Paul — Stoke to Bristol Rovers
Ritchie, Thomas G. — Bristol City to Sunderland
Sparrow, John P. — Chelsea to Exeter
Vass, Stephen — Hartlepool to Huddersfield

Temporary transfers

Cashley, Alec R. — Bristol City to Hereford
Freeman, Neil — Birmingham to Huddersfield
Gennos, Terence W. — Southampton to Crystal Palace
Turner, Ian — Walsall to Halifax

Song awakens coma boy

A YOUNG West Ham fan, from Portadown, in Northern Ireland, was miraculously helped out of a month-long coma by The Hammers' famous theme song, "Bubbles".

Fourteen-year-old schoolboy Martin Robinson had been knocked down and seriously injured by a lorry on his way to school. On hearing of young Martin's terrible plight, Upton Park manager John Lyall had a tape of "Bubbles" sent over to the Craigavon Area Hospital, in an attempt to bring the County Armagh youngster out of his deep and lengthy slumber.

The idea worked, and Hammers-mad Martin is now well on the road to recovery.

It is the second time this season that "Bubbles" has helped a soccer fan recover from a coma.

Ref coins it

REFEREE Daniel Vickers is the most popular official in the country with League club mascots.

He hands over a silver crown to them after the coin has been spun before kick-off as a souvenir of their big day.

Mr Vickers, who comes from Ilford, Essex, explains: "When I joined the Football League list I bought 100 crowns to give as souvenirs. It's a big day for the kids and this gives them something to remember it by."

IAN Handysides has burst upon the Birmingham City scene with such an impact that manager Jim Smith has gone as far as to say that the youngster could be "another Trevor Francis".

Ian, who comes from Jarrow, had a choice of joining Aston Villa, Manchester United and Leeds but plumped for Birmingham City because of their reputation in giving young players, like Francis, their chance to shine.

Attack in depth

PORTSMOUTH manager Frank Burrows' decision to switch Mick Tait from attack to midfield is proving to be a master stroke.

The ex-Carlisle striker scored the first hat-trick of his career against Exeter and is now a leading Pompey scorer.

Tait said: "Playing in midfield suits my game better because I prefer going forward rather than playing with my back to goal. I'm much happier attacking from a deeper position."

Frank Burrows hopes that Tait's new role will strengthen his team's bid to get promotion to the Second Division.



PHIL Boyer has sold his house in Southampton and is moving to Manchester. Manchester City's £225,000 signing from Saints, who did as much as anyone to mastermind their revival before he badly damaged knee ligaments and was forced out of the game for the rest of the season, is planning a training programme aimed at getting him fit for the start of next season.

"I regularly go through a fitness routine of stomach exercises and weights just to try and keep reasonably toned up."

"I intend to spend the summer months doing plenty of work."

Boyer's injury is reckoned to be almost as bad as the one Colin Bell suffered. Roy Bailey, City's medical man, says Boyer's injury is the worst he has had to treat.

Mystery spot men

GOALKEEPERS have been prevented from doing their homework on how to foil Middlesbrough's penalty takers.

Middlesbrough have decided against a regular penalty man, preferring to make decisions on the spot.

Manager John Neal explains: "Instant decisions will be made. It will depend upon the form and confidence of players at the time. Opposing teams will find it difficult to prepare against us."

"One of several players could take a penalty."

David Armstrong resigned as penalty taker after an F.A. Cup miss against West Brom. Skipper Tony McAndrew and Bosco Jankovic followed up scoring from the spot in February. The Yugoslav international volunteered for the job because he was in a confident mood after a first-half goal—and that's the policy Middlesbrough will adopt.

TIM GILBERT the 22-year-old utility player who joined Cardiff from Sunderland earlier this season, should not want for family support. He is the youngest of nine children!

Gilbert had four-and-a-half years at Roker Park, but only managed to get in a total of 38 League appearances.

Still in touch

MANSFIELD manager Mick Jones will continue to take up his touch-line position on a Saturday afternoon, despite being booked during The Stags' game with Bury.

Jones was cautioned by referee Treford Mills for shouting instructions to his players from the bench.

But he said defiantly: "If I am doing something wrong, then there must be something wrong with British football, for all I am guilty of is sheer enthusiasm and love for the job."

"There is no way I could go and sit in the stand. I would have a heart attack up there."

Quote

ATLANTA CHIEFS of the North American Soccer League have sacked their coach Dan Wood because: "He is too clean, too straightforward and too intelligent for a dirty business like professional sport."



PHIL NEAL'S artistic talents are not confined solely to the football pitch. The Liverpool and England defender likes nothing better than to paint landscapes on his day off. He has an "O" level to prove his talent with a paintbrush.

Birmingham had to sell

HARD times down at the bottom end of the First Division and dramatically plunging gates have forced Birmingham City to start cutting costs.

And that's meant they have had to sell striker Steve Lynex to Leicester for £60,000, midfielder man Tony Towers to Montreal Manic for £30,000 and give long serving former Welsh international Malcolm Page a free transfer to let him join Oxford.

Manager Jim Smith had the situation spelled out to him by the directors at a recent board meeting and he said: "Gates like the ones we have been getting don't help us to balance the books and find the resources to complete the team building and strengthening I have in mind."

"There are certain to be a few more players leaving us before the end of the season because of our financial situation. We have to trim down as much as possible."

JACK 'Pip' Meighan, the Referees Inspector in Eire is to retire at the end of the season. 'Pip' was the first Irish official to referee on the Continent.

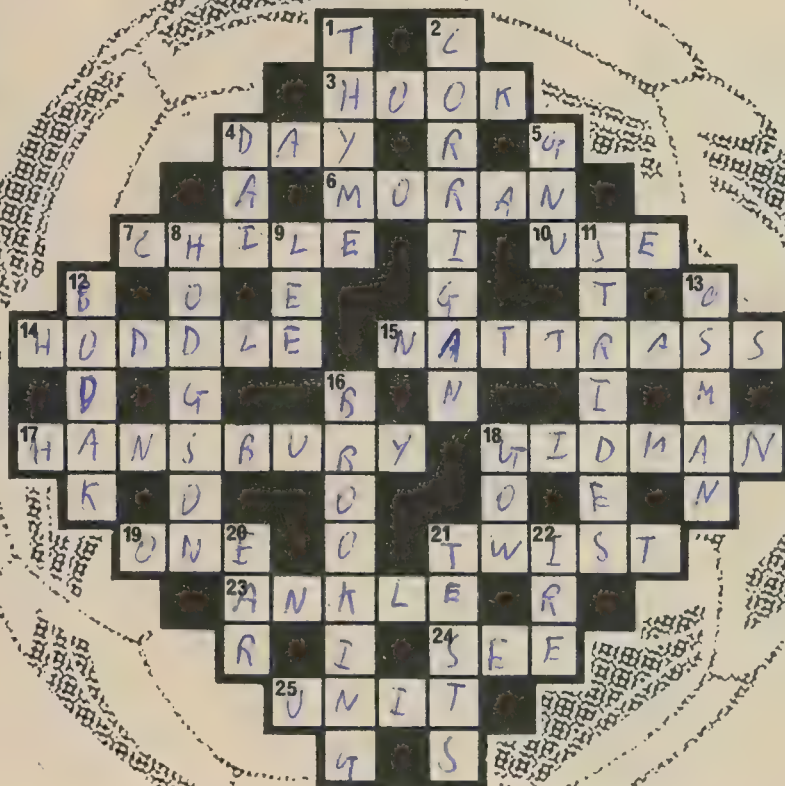
ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:—

- (3) Paul ----s, Notts County striker. (4)
 (4) Mervyn —, Orient goalkeeper. (3)
 (6) Steve —, Southampton striker. (5)
 (7) Hosts of the 1962 World Cup Finals. (5)
 (10) Rene Ho---man, Argentinian international. (3)
 (14) Glenn —, Spurs midfielder player. (6)
 (15) Irving —, Middlesbrough defender. (8)
 (17) Roger —, Norwich City 'keeper. (8)
 (18) John —, Everton defender. (6)
 (19) Hamilton are in Division — of the Scottish Football League. (3)
 (21) Wrench. (5)
 (23) Joint of the leg. (5)
 (24) Perceive. (3)
 (25) Rotherham ----ed play at Millmoor. (4)

DOWN:—

- (1) Herb found in a worthy Meadowbank win. (5)
 (2) Joe —, Manchester City goalkeeper. (8)
 (4) — Davies, Wrexham 'keeper. (3)
 (5) If Hunt, Macari & Jordan give TIN; what do Brooking, Keegan & Fashanu give? (3)
 (8) David —, Middlesbrough striker. (7)
 (9) Sammy —, Liverpool midfielder player. (3)
 (11) Long paces. (7)
 (12) Peter —, Coventry City striker. (5)
 (13) Russell —, Ipswich Town defender. (5)
 (16) Trevor —, West Ham midfield player. (8)
 (18) Gerry —, Manchester City midfielder player. (3)
 (20) Keith F---; Brentford striker. (3)
 (21) Examinations. (5)
 (22) Vince Hila--- of Crystal Palace. (3)



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Kenny Dalglish shoots wide as
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THERE'S a feeling around Merseyside that if we fail to beat Everton this Saturday at Anfield in the League, then even a larger haul of trophies on our sideboard at the season's end won't save us from being labelled second-best.

For almost ten years we have ruled the roost in the City of the Liver Bird and our red feathers are ruffled at the prospect of being knocked off our perch.

So far we've played Everton twice, both times at Goodison, drawing 2-2 in the League and losing 2-1 in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup.

Only a win this Saturday can restore our local pride and keep Everton right where they belong — *in our shadow!*

Ever since The Blues knocked us out of the F.A. Cup, Evertonians have seized every opportunity to gloat.

I've been amazed at the sudden increase in their numbers. Almost overnight, the hard core of around 20,000 has at least doubled. I suspect many haven't set foot in Goodison Park for years and would have trouble in remembering the way there. What we call "Fair weather" fans.

Excuses

Since the F.A. Cup defeat, I've been collared several times by Evertonians, and I've readily admitted that on the day their team deserved to win and we had no excuses.

But one lad niggled me when he got so carried away singing his team's praises he kept using the word "great".

The adjective should be used sparingly and not debased. It should be applied only to sides and players who are outstanding.

For instance, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Ajax — and Liverpool; Alfredo di Stefano, Franz Beckenbauer, Johan Cruyff — and Kenny Dalglish.

It can hardly be bestowed on the

present Everton side. Although I admire their total commitment, their ability to play flat-out for 90 minutes, they cannot slow the game down and play more thoughtful football; and although they possess in their line-up some very good players, they also have several who are strictly average, and run of the mill.

Circumstances have forced manager Gordon Lee to do a U-turn in his attitude to team building.

When he arrived, he put his faith in buying established stars for big fees, but they tended to rely on their reputations and failed to get the results he needed.

Consequently he decided to draft in youngsters who compensated for any lack of skill and experience by giving 100 per cent effort.

The one who stands out for me is Steve McMahon, who has established himself as a regular, and providing he continues to improve will become one of England's most exciting players.

The real test of a side is how it fares in the League. Everton's mid-table position, nine points behind us, indicates they cannot yet rank amongst the best teams in the land.

The pressure on the Liverpool players for this Saturday's derby game will be less intense than normal because of our involvement in the League Cup Final the previous Saturday and our mid-week game



Steve McMahon

away in Bulgaria against C.S.K.A. Sofia in the European Cup. That leaves only two days for us to be "psyched-up" for the Everton game.

Tension at most derbies is so intense players find it hard to relax and play constructive, attractive football.

An exception was our meeting last September at Goodison when the fans were treated to a game packed with skill and drama.

After going two goals down, we pegged back and finished so well we could have taken both points.

There's certain to be a full house at Anfield, which I maintain is a more "atmospheric" place than Goodison.

Equivalent

And our Kopites are also more vocal than their equivalent at Goodison's Gladys Street end.

In my opinion, there's nothing to compare to our fanatical support. I even know of a long-standing Liverpoolian who, when we wore a yellow second strip for a Cup game against Arsenal, had his red sports car resprayed to match!

On Sunday, several of us travel down to London to report for England duty. If manager Ron Greenwood continues with his policy of alternating Peter Shilton and

myself, then I'll be lining up against Spain.

This friendly at Wembley is important. It gives us a chance to prepare ourselves for what could be our toughest World Cup qualifying game to come: Rumania at Wembley. We cannot afford to drop any more points against the Rumanians, who beat us in Bucharest.

Our line-up shouldn't be very different from the one that only managed to beat Switzerland by 2-1 in our last game, as Ron Greenwood has learnt the danger of making too many changes.

Although as host nation for the World Cup Finals, Spain automatically qualify, they'll be treating the game seriously. They didn't impress me in our friendly in Barcelona early last year, but with a younger side gave us a hard game in the European Championship in June.

If we can gain our third win in a row over Spain, it will give us a psychological advantage over them if we should clash again in the Finals of '82!

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PAUL Randall is back at Bristol Rovers — and at £500 a goal he's the golden boots of the West Country.

The 22-year-old lanky striker returned to Eastville at the end of January in a unique £55,000 transfer from Stoke.

The move is being financed entirely by the club's fans. Every goal he scores brings in £500 of sponsor's money towards repaying the fee. And it's a system which Rovers manager Terry Cooper reckons could start a revolution in soccer's depressed transfer market.

"Clubs have got to look at every way to raise money that they can find," said Cooper. "We're only a small club, but we've set an example that bigger clubs could follow."

"Paul's a good player, and he's the hero of our fans. They've been wonderfully loyal throughout the troubles we have had this season, and bringing him back here is a way of saying thank you to them."

Rovers had never been forgiven by the fans for selling Randall for £175,000 two years earlier. He was the terrace hero, flamboyant scorer of 36 goals in 55 games after being discovered in amateur soccer. He never made his mark in the First Division with Stoke, and when they listed him, Rovers boss Terry Cooper was ready to make his move.

But the club couldn't afford the fee, or the extra wages. And that was when the plan to raise the money from the fans, with collections, dances, jumble sales and other events, came into being.

Two club directors agreed to start the fund — and guaranteed the cash out of their own pockets if they couldn't find it any other way. The response was incredible. Two days after the player signed there was £27,000 in the kitty.

Randall himself is amazed at the reception. "The first game after my transfer was the local derby against Bristol City — and the welcome the crowd gave me was unbelievable," he said. "I always had a good relationship with the Rovers fans, but I've been really touched by what has happened."

"I hope they like what they see. I think I'm a better player for the time I spent at Stoke. When I scored all those goals for Rovers before my move they came mostly from poaching — running on to through balls."

"At Stoke the style was different. They like the front men to play with their backs to goal, and lay the ball off for midfield players to follow. Working on that has improved my close control, and I think I'm a better all-round player."

Paul has moved back in with his parents and two sisters at his old home in Glastonbury, Somerset. Their house, aptly enough, is in Paradise Road.

"That's just what it feels like — back in Paradise," says Paul. "I was working in a supermarket when Rovers first signed me, and I've got such happy memories of my time there. I didn't really settle when I moved away, and I leapt at the chance to come back."

RANDALL'S ROVERS RETURN



Versatile Trewick settles down



Newcastle boss Arthur Cox (below) appreciates John Trewick's versatility.



A FEW hours in the company of Newcastle manager Arthur Cox was enough to convince John Trewick to return home to the North East.

The West Brom midfield player was born on the outskirts of Newcastle and supported United as a youngster.

But the words of Cox were the clincher when Trewick thought over the £250,000 move to St James' Park, which beat the previous club record of £220,000 paid for Peter Withe.

"He told me about his plans for the future and how he wanted to make United one of the top clubs in the country again," recalled Trewick.

"Mr Cox is obviously determined to bring all the old glory back to Newcastle and he persuaded me that it will be exciting to be part of that attempt."

In the end, it wasn't a difficult decision for Trewick — Geordies always have a special affinity with the area — but he's quick to stress he was happy at West Brom.

"I had some marvellous years in the Midlands, but it was unfortu-

nate that I've struggled to hold down a regular first team place in the last year."

Despite that, there was no shortage of First Division games for the likeable Trewick, who was West Brom's Mr Handyman.

His versatility meant he was the first name Ron Atkinson thought of whenever he had a position to fill because of injury.

He proved a fine stand-in for stars like Derek Statham and Bryan Robson, but always knew he would be back in the cold when they were fit again.

"I think it turned out to be a hindrance to my chances of establishing myself in the team," says Trewick, "but it was valuable experience because I learned so much about the demands and problems of various positions."

Asset

Now Cox is ready to give him a long run in his favourite position in the centre of midfield where Trewick's biggest asset — his accurate and perceptive passing — will get full scope.

The United boss described Trewick as another piece in the promotion jigsaw he is trying to build at Newcastle, but there is no doubt that he is one of the more important pieces.

"He's a good player with the opportunity to show everyone what he can do in his best position," said Cox.

"I've told him he will get the opportunity to play in the centre of midfield regularly, but I'm also pleased that he is able to play in so many different positions."

"With economics forcing clubs to reduce their first team squad to as small as 15 or 16, versatile players like John are going to become more and more valuable."



YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

As the teams are walking through the tunnel to go on to the pitch a fight starts between two opposing players. You send them both back to the dressing room. Can substitutes take their places?



2

The ball is kicked to a player in an offside position, but he runs back onside to play the ball. Should you award (a) an indirect free-kick, (b) a direct free-kick or (c) take no action?



3

An attacker is lying injured near the goal when the ball is kicked into the net. Should you judge the injured player offside?



4

From a corner-kick the ball is cleared by the defence. It strikes a linesman who is returning to the sideline, and is deflected over the goal-line. Should you award (a) a goal-kick, (b) a corner-kick or (c) drop the ball?



5

A player is injured one yard from the touchline. Should you stop play and allow the trainer on the field?



ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. An indirect free kick (a). 3. No. 4. A corner-kick (b). 5. No. But I must say in the fourth round F.A. Cup tie between Everton and Liverpool, Phil Neal went up to head the ball with Camon O'Keefe and was accidentally cut on the side of the eye. I allowed Ronnie Moran the Liverpool trainer on to the field and waited for him to finish patching Phil up. I did this because I took into account the extreme importance of the match and did not want one team to have only ten players on the field through injury.

LAST season Peter Weir was one of the most electrifying players to emerge on the Scottish soccer scene since Kenny Dalglish's breakthrough with Celtic.

The talents of outside-left Weir were applauded by neutrals and appreciated by the critics. Weir was given a virtual free role in the St Mirren attack and his skills created havoc in rival defences and gained him a Scottish international place, making his debut against Northern Ireland in Belfast.

WEIR ON THE WAY BACK

It looked as though Nottingham Forest's own unpredictable genius John Robertson would be under considerable pressure for the number 11 jersey this season.

Weir threatened to become one of the biggest names in the game. There didn't seem a defender in the country who could halt his progress.

But times have changed! Weir wasn't even in the running for a place in Jock Stein's pool of 22 for the recent World Cup match against Israel in Tel Aviv, and wasn't even guaranteed of a first team place at Love Street.

Weir, in fact, was dropped after St Mirren's abysmal flop in the Scottish Cup tie at home to part-time Dumbarton. Manager Ricky McFarlane didn't stand on ceremony. He said: "Players have got to prove themselves good enough for first team places at Paisley."

"No one can expect to walk into the team. If a player isn't producing the goods then he must be replaced. No team in the Premier Division can afford to carry passengers."

McFarlane was not talking just about Weir, of course. His words served as a warning to every player with The Saints, and even top goalscorer Doug Somner was dropped when his goal supply suddenly dried up.

Ironically, Weir, linked with Arsenal, made his first team comeback in a friendly against The Gun-



ners at Love Street this season and immediately turned on a performance of magnificent skills.

Weir, not noted for his goalscoring prowess, even managed to notch one that Sunday afternoon as The Saints went down 3-2 in front of 10,000 fans and afterwards, Highbury manager Terry Neill admitted he had been impressed by the youngster.

'Good player'

"Normally I don't like talking about players with other clubs," said Neill. "But Weir was exceptional against us. Obviously the boy's a good player. Arsenal are always interested in good players."

Possibly Weir's star took off before its time. He came from nowhere last season to hit the headlines and his consistent displays suddenly made him £1 million material according to the critics.

His pace and skills helped St Mirren to a place in the UEFA Cup by virtue of their third place in the Premier Division, and they also took the Anglo-Scottish Cup by beating holders Bristol City home and away in the Final.

After one of those games an Ashton Gate defender said: "We were told that Peter Weir could cause us a bit of bother. We didn't know just how much! I'm glad we don't have to face him every week."

Weir has suffered a reaction, but a player of such awesome potential will undoubtedly be back in business. It could be that he will move to England to realise all his ambitions and to discover the ability to attain consistency.

That will be Scotland's loss . . .



Arsenal boss Terry Neill

BOLTON'S Alan Gowling gained first hand experience last season of fighting against relegation to the Second Division — which is why he is aware of the problems facing this season's threatened clubs.

As the Bolton striker explains: "The pressure on these clubs still in with a chance of escaping the drop is continuous. This sort of strain is often reflected in the performances of players — it can make them desperate.

"Being realistic, you have to accept that Crystal Palace are down. But Leicester, Norwich and Brighton have all been picking up points recently, and it could be any two from those three who are unlucky enough to take the chop."

As Gowling points out, a players' confidence is often the first thing to suffer when his club are struggling around the foot of the table.

"Each player will be asking him-

'KEEP BATTLING'

Gowling's advice to clubs facing the dreaded drop

self if there is anything more he can add to his game, and he will be worried and wondering if it is his fault that his club are in trouble," Gowling explains.

"It is essential to keep battling until relegation is a mathematical certainty. For Bolton last season, it wasn't until the end of April that we couldn't escape."

But while Crystal Palace stumble from one crisis to another, the Leicester revival could lead to one of the greatest escape acts of recent years.

At the end of January they looked certain for the big drop, but away wins at Liverpool and Spurs, coupled with convincing home results against Manchester United, Forest and Arsenal have visibly encouraged Jock Wallace's young side.

"That is one of the strange

things about this game," Gowling continued. "Leicester looked dead and buried not so long ago, but suddenly their results have improved tremendously. The only possible explanation for this sudden change of fortunes must be the confidence they gained from their tremendous win at Anfield."

One of Gowling's theories is that Palace have got into the habit of losing — and it is hard to shake it off.

"They have been losing regularly, and this pattern of defeat could ingrain itself in the minds of the players. It could affect them as persons in the sense that they will be sitting brooding over what happened during the match.

"If they aren't the best of company for their wives or friends on occasions, it could be that they are fretting over last Saturday's result.



Leicester (dark shirts) have shown signs of a revival, including this win at Tottenham.



"And although the manager of a doomed team will be trying hard to bring about an improvement, he has various problems pressing in on him. There is pressure from directors, the fans and the pressure he puts on himself.

"The manager whose team is in trouble will have asked for extra effort time and again, and although no player goes on the field to lose, there is a limit as to how much he can be motivated."

Behind any successful side, there are enthusiastic fans, though their loyalty is tested when their favourites are struggling. Yet Gowling has no word of criticism to offer against the Bolton supporters.

Says Alan: "I can't recall our fans being abusive when the team was in trouble, and they certainly had adequate reason for feeling frustrated. It can be unsettling to a player, or a team, if they are constantly being heckled.

"In my position as a striker over the years, I've discovered that if the goals are not coming, you are faced with a real problem — shots go outside the posts instead of between them, and extra work-rate still doesn't bring the goals.

'Confidence'

"Midfield men and back-four players also find things going wrong in their departments, and the whole side loses confidence.

"And this hang-over lasts. I know this isn't much consolation for Palace, Leicester, Brighton and Norwich, but at Bolton this term we seem to be carrying on where we left off last season, attempting to recapture our rhythm.

"So I'll wish for all those struggling clubs what I'm wishing for Bolton — that an unbeaten run will come along soon."

Happy Valley for Naylor

CHARLTON'S promotion from Division Three looks to be a near certainty, and their consistent form over the difficult mid-season period owes a lot to the competitive spirit and professionalism of Terry Naylor.

Naylor was signed on a free transfer at the beginning of November, bringing with him all the years of experience he gained at the top level with Spurs in Division One and in Europe.

He has since proved his worth to the Charlton team and their supporters with some solid performances at full-back and in midfield.

Terry began his career with Tottenham 14 years ago after working as a Smithfield meat market porter.

He had his testimonial season with them last year, but found it

difficult to hold down a regular first team place.

When given a free transfer there was no shortage of clubs willing to take the versatile 32-year-old.

"I think there were quite a few clubs who came in for me," he says. "But in the end I chose Charlton and happily everything has gone well for me since."

There was obviously a big difference in style and pace between the First and Third Divisions, but, as Naylor explains, he went to The Valley with no illusions.

"I'd been around in football long enough to know what to expect from the Third Division. It takes a bit of time before you get used to all the bustle and long balls. There's not much time to slow it down and put your foot on the ball.

"But that doesn't mean it's lacking in skill. It isn't, and I'm glad to say that we've got one of the most skilful sides in the Division at Charlton."

Naylor singles out strikers Derek Hales and 18-year-old Paul Walsh as two examples.

"Derek is incredible anywhere near goal. I don't think I've ever known such a direct striker. He simply wants to score goals because that's what he does best.

"Paul is an extremely talented lad and I would put him in the same class as Glenn Hoddle for close ball control. He's also very level headed, which will help him in the future."

Naylor is obviously enjoying the challenge of helping Charlton climb out of Division Three and is confident that they will gain promotion.

"It would be nice to finish as Champions, but the main aim has got to be promotion and I'm convinced we'll achieve that."



BACK ROW (left to right): Graham Jones (doctor), Ian Rush, Joey Jones, Keith Pontin, Martin Thomas, Paul Price, Dai Davies, David Jones (now retired), Leighton James, Ian Walsh, Doug Livermore (coach).

FRONT ROW: Leighton Phillips, David Giles, Peter Nicholas, Mike England (manager), Terry Yorath, Brian Flynn, Mickey Thomas, Ian Davies.

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England's 1966 World Cup winning team. Manager Sir Alf Ramsey has quit the game, but six of that side have followed his lead.

ON July 30, 1966, 11 young men provided England with her greatest moment in sport by winning the World Cup.

Now, more than 14 years later, six members of that famous side have moved into soccer management.

The most recent recruit is Martin Peters at Sheffield United where previously he had been team coach under Harry Haslam, and already he has noticed the difference from his days as a player.

"As a footballer I used to come in for only three hours a day, but now I'm in at 9.30 and never know when my day will end," he says.

"As a player I only had to worry about my own problems, but as a manager I also have to tackle the worries of my staff."

Martin, one of England's most gifted and intelligent footballers, has finally decided to quit playing.

'Standards'

"I don't think I could have done both jobs to the high standards that I require — therefore the playing had to stop.

"Managing needs all the time it can get. I've got a rebuilding job to do here as our midfield and attack need strengthening. Money is scarce, so the way ahead lies with our youngsters."

Across the city sits big Jack Charlton, boss of Wednesday — a man as successful as a manager as he was as a player.

Success at both Middlesbrough and Wednesday have made him one of the country's top managers.

He had a reputation as a player for being as hard as granite and reckons the most difficult aspect of management is having to release youngsters.

"The part I like least about being a manager is when I have to tell young lads that they're not going to make the grade. It's a problem because you get to like them per-

WORLD CUP HEROES in the hot-seat



Martin Peters, in charge at Sheffield Utd.

sonally and, what is more, you know that for over two years they've worked so hard for you."

He thinks England could do reasonably well in Spain in 1982 provided they fill two key positions.

"We need a centre-half and a ball-winning central-midfield player. I like Terry Butcher at Ipswich but I haven't seen anybody, apart from possibly Bryan Robson at West Bromwich, who comes close to filling that midfield role."

Geoff Hurst, England's hat-trick hero on that hot July day, is on the promotion hunt with Chelsea for the second time in his two seasons at Stamford Bridge. Last season they were just pipped at the post by Birmingham. "We are all committed to putting Chelsea back in the First Division — and I'm confi-

dent we have the talent here to succeed," declares Hurst.

At the moment none of those World Cup players who have moved into management are working in the First Division. Next season there could be two, Hurst and Jack Charlton.

Nobby Stiles might not have had the teeth to bite legs as Norman Hunter had, but players from all over the world can testify to his tackling.

Nowadays he is in charge of Preston, but he had an apprenticeship in the coaching ranks before becoming manager at Deepdale.

"I took over from Harry Catterick and steered the club out of the Third Division in my first season.

"My second was more difficult. Many people thought we were going to go straight back down, but we pulled through.

"I didn't turn to anybody for advice when we were going through that difficult stage. If you take advice from others you can always use them as an excuse if you fail — that's not my style. If we don't do well, it's my fault only."

Two members from that 1966 team are presently in charge of non-League sides.

Bobby Moore is managing Oxford City of the Berger Isthmian League, and is finding the experience rewarding.

ton is a director of a travel agency just outside Manchester. Ray Wilson works in his in-law's firm of undertakers in Bradford. George Cohen is a property consultant in Kent and Roger Hunt is in the haulage business.

And Alan Ball? He is back at Southampton and raring to go after a disappointing baptism to League management.



Nobby Stiles was a committed player, and has lost none of that strength as Preston boss.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Robert Daly of Aintree, Liverpool, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

BE HONEST, FRANK!

★ Reading the feature in SHOOT on the golden goals of five top strikers, I was amazed at the lack of modesty on the part of two of our interviewees, namely Mike Channon and Frank Worthington (right).

I find it difficult to believe that Frank has never scored a lucky goal. No player goes through his career without scoring some lucky goals, not even Frank.

Although he claims not to be conceited, I find him being anything but that, taking such comments into account.

As for Mike Channon's verdict on the best goal seen this season, I find it laughable that he has selected one of his own.

I feel embarrassed for him that he can be so big-headed to rate his particular goal so highly. Even the most biased of judges would find it hard to select Channon's goal as the best of the season. It looks rather average compared with some of the efforts seen on T.V. this season.

Maybe SHOOT will consider asking for the more modest opinions of someone like Kenny Dalglish when you next do a similar feature. Considering Dalglish's immense talent for scoring spectacular goals he is extremely modest and always willing to give credit to his team-mates for helping create such goals.

● Strikers are a special breed. If a ball hits them and goes in the goal they'll say they were in the right place at the right time. The best televised goal I've seen this season is Wrexham's Ian Edwards' volley against Derby, which will probably win the BBC award. Dixie McNeil agreed in the same feature.



Another chapter for Page

MALCOLM PAGE has moved to Oxford on a free transfer, ending a stay of 19 years with Birmingham City.

He has played under seven managers, and has suffered serious injuries several times.

Even though Malcolm hasn't been with a club full of honours he still remained with Blues, always giving 100 per cent.

I think he will give the Oxford fans plenty of pleasure. Good luck, Malcolm! PAUL GRENNALL, BIRMINGHAM.

● He's been a model professional on and off the field; Oxford are lucky to have his experience.

David's day

I THOUGHT your readers would be interested to hear about Middlesbrough's David Hodgson's eventful day at the recent match against West Bromwich Albion.

He received the Sun Golden Ball Award before the game; then, because he was suspended, he decided not to sit on the bench with the manager, but to go in the Holgate End, behind the goal with the supporters to cheer the team on.

At the end of the game, which Middlesbrough won 1-0, he was so pleased that he ran on the pitch and was stopped by a policeman.

He then went straight to the dressing room and got into the bath with the rest of the team!

This not only shows Hodgson's (left) love for the game, but also his enthusiasm and attitude, which has rubbed off throughout the team and is now making Boro one of the hardest teams to beat in the country.

MARK SELL, THORNABY-ON-TEES.

● And one of the best to watch.

Well done, Leicester

AS A Spurs fan I was very upset when Leicester beat us 2-1 recently. Having missed only a few home games in the last eight years, I expected Leicester to close up and pack their defence when they took the lead with just ten minutes to go.

After all, two points in their predicament were like gold-dust.

There were ten minutes of time left plus a further six minutes injury time, due mostly to the treatment of the concussed Jim Melrose.

Leicester, superbly marshalled by captain Mark Wallington and suffering the loss of their top scorer Melrose, kept pushing forward when most teams would have employed the usual petty, time-wasting tactics and packed their defence.

I have seen Spurs, supposedly one of the most entertaining teams in the country, do this many times. However, Leicester were amazingly playing a 4-2-4 formation well into injury time!

Bottom but one in the Division, few gave them a hope of survival, yet not once did I see even a negative backpass.

These tactics are cheating the fans and are unfortunately very much a part of the modern game, so it was even more refreshing to see Leicester try and add to their lead. I for one hope this young side will avoid the drop.

J. ROSENBERG, CHINGFORD.

● I also hope Leicester survive, because I think they'll be good for Division One next season.

Only one answer

ONCE again the football legislators believe they have discovered something new in the way footballers manipulate the rules; I refer to the so-called professional foul.

A well-known First Division coach suggests the award against this particular offence might be a free goal shot from the 18-yard line. It seems unfair that the goalkeepers should have to be in a position to shoulder the responsibility for a team-mate's offences and his mistakes.

Another suggested remedy was a free run at goal from 35 yards to score within a five seconds time limit. Just think what the fans reaction would be in the event of any doubt as to whether the ball crossed the line before or after the whistle.

There is only one solution to the sheer cynicism of this offence and that is to dismiss the offender and let him suffer the wrath of his team-mates once they join him in the dressing-room.

STEPHEN SMELT, BOOTHTOWN.

● Do other readers have any suggestions regarding this offence?

Let us learn

THERE has been word of the NASL being kicked out of F.I.F.A. I don't think this is a very fair thing to do.

It's true that many of our rules are not the same as the rest of the world; however, we need a shoot-out, 35-yard line, etc. to draw crowds.

We haven't seen this game as long as the English people and some of the newer fans think soccer is boring without a finale at the end of the game.

Give us some time to learn about soccer and then we can play like the rest of the world.

BRIAN COLEMAN, ROCKVILLE, USA.

● Surely the best way to learn is to play the same game as the rest of the world?

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Shanks at Anfield

How long was Bill Shankly manager of Liverpool, and which major trophies did they win in that period?

TONY BROADHURST, LIVERPOOL

● Shanks took control of the then Second Division club on 1st December, 1959, Tony — and then shocked the soccer world by suddenly resigning on 12th July, 1974.

In that period, after first winning the Second Division Championship, Liverpool took the League title three times, and were runners-up twice.

Under Shankly, they also played in three F.A. Cup Finals, winning two of them.

In Europe, they won the UEFA Cup, and reached the Final of the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Heaviest 'keeper

Who was the heaviest-ever goalkeeper in the Football League?

JOHN PHELAN, EIRE

● He was Chelsea's Billy Foulke, John — not surprisingly nicknamed "Fatty". Foulke — who actually reached a massive 25 stone by the time he finished his career with Bradford City.

But the 6ft 3in giant was nobody's fool as a 'keeper — and, before Chelsea signed him from Sheffield United in 1905, he'd won an England cap and a couple of F.A. Cup-winners medals.

With his amazing agility for such bulk, his powerful punch which could clear the ball to the halfway line, and his way of picking up the ball with one huge hand, Foulke was a tremendously popular character wherever he played — especially at Chelsea, where he tipped the scales at a pound or two more than his two full-backs weighed together!

SHORT PASSES

● Former Liverpool favourite Tommy Smith played in only one full international for England — the 0-0 draw with Wales at Wembley on 19th May, 1971.

(COLIN McKEE, Co. Durham)

● Terry Paine played 713 League games for Southampton between 1956 and 1974, and gained 19 full England caps.

(ROBERT FITZPATRICK, Enniskillen)

● Steve Coppell started his League career with Tranmere, and was transferred to Manchester United on 27th February, 1975.

(GARY THOMAS, Acton)

● Ian Callaghan scored 49 goals in his 640 League games for Liverpool between 1960 and 1978.

(NEIL FABBENI, Pontypool)

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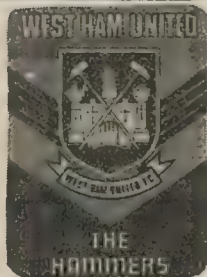
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Armstrong, McDicken, Maxwell (Cairney), Mauchlen,
Bourke, Bryce (Wilson), McBride.
Clydebank: Kenny, Treanor, McLaughlin, Fallon, Evans,
Given, Ronald, Houston, Miller, Gervaise, McCabe.

Tuesday, Feb 24

Friendly International

REP of IRELAND (1) 1 (Grealish)
WALES (2) 3 (Price, Boyle, Yorath) at Tolka
Park, Dublin 15,000
Rep of Ireland: McDonagh, Langan, O'Callaghan,
Holmes, Hughton, Daly, Grealish, Waddock, O'Keefe,
Givens (Moran), Heighway.
Wales: Davies, Nicholas, Price, Jones, Ratcliffe, Boyle,
Yorath, Flynn, James, Walsh, Harris.

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Talbot, Sunderland)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 24,790
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary,
Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gating, Rix.
Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald (Tueart), Reid,
Power, Caton, Bennett, Gow, Mackenzie, Hutchison,
Reeves.

BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Williams pen, Stille)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 23,715
Brighton: Digweed, Williams, Stevens, Clark, Foster,
Lawrenson, McNab, Stille, Robinson, Smith, O'Sullivan.
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Waldron, Williams, Wat-
son, Nicholl, Hebbard (Rogers), Channon, George,
Moran, Baker.

Second Division

BOLTON (1) 2 (Whatmore, Thomas)
OLDHAM (0) 0 9,641
Bolton: Poole, Graham, McElhinney, Burke, Jones,
Brennan, Nikolic, Whatmore, Hoggan, Thomas, Gow-
ling.
Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Blair, Keegan, Clements,
Hurst, Atkinson, Fitcher, Nuttall, Palmer, McDonough.

Fourth Division

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cammack pen)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Chamberlain) 1,946

Scottish First

Falkirk v Motherwell postponed

Scottish Second

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
ALBION ROVERS (1) 3 (Gillespie, Ross, Mul-
vaney) 450

Wednesday, Feb 25

World Cup Qualifying

(Group Four)

ISRAEL (0) 0
SCOTLAND (0) 1 (Dalglish) in Tel Aviv 35,000
Israel: Mizrahi, Mechness, Cohen (J), Ekhois, Cohen
(A), Barm, Shum, Cohen (N), Sinai, Dambi, Tabak.
Scotland: Rough, McGrain, Gray (F), Souness,
McLeish, Burns, Wark (Miller), Dalglish (Gray (A)),
Archibald, Gemmill, Robertson.

Under-21 International

ENGLAND (1) 1 (Shaw)
REP of IRELAND (0) 0 At Anfield 5,882
England: Lukic (Hesford), Thomas, Dyson (Duxbury),
Smith, Fenwick, Moses (Proctor), Johnston, McMahon,
Shaw (Goddard), Chapman (Fashanu), Hodgson.
Rep of Ireland: Bonner, Whelan (A), McDonagh,
Anderson, Hughton, Atkinson, Whelan (R), Sheedy
(Kinsella), O'Connor (Buckley), Donovan, McGee.

Second Division

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Kitchen)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 4,235
Cardiff: Grotier, Jones, Gilbert, Grapes, Pontin,
Thomas, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.
Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Johnson, Carney, Boam,
Halliday, Cartwright, Trewick, Harford, Wharton,
Waddle.



Neil Whatmore (Bolton)

Friday, Feb 27

Fourth Division

SOUTHEND 0
DONCASTER 0 5,942

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Bradd 2)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 1,675

Saturday, Feb 28

First Division

ARSENAL (2) 2 (Stapleton, Hollins pen)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Armstrong,
Shearer) 24,504
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary,
Walford, Hollins, Sunderland (McDermott), Stapleton,
Gating, Rix.
Middlesbrough: Platt, Natrass, Bailey, Johnston,
Ashcroft (Craggs), McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor,
Shearer, Jankovic, Armstrong.

COVENTRY (0) 0
IPSWICH (1) 4 (Brazil, Gates, McCall, Osman)
17,557
Coventry: Sealey, Thomas, Roberts, Jacobs, Dyson,
Gillespie, Bodak, Hunt, Thompson, English, Hunt.
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, Butcher, Thijssen, Osman,
Beattie, McCall, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Allen pen, Hilaire)
EVERTON (1) 3 (Eastoe, McMahon, Varadi)
14,594

C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Lovell, Nicholas,
Boyle, Gilbert, Smillie (Carter), Brooks, Allen, Sealy,
Hilaire.
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Ratcliffe, Wright, Lyons,
Ross (Lodge), McMahon, Eastoe, Varadi, Hartford,
O'Keefe.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Lynex)
NOTT FOREST (0) 1 (Walsh) 16,199
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Friar, Peake, May,
O'Neill, Lynex (Byrne), Melrose, Young, Wilson, Mac-
Donald.
Nottm Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray (F), Gray (S),
Burns, Gunn, Mills (Ponte), Walsh, Wallace, Francis,
Robertson.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Kennedy (R), McDermott)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 41,575
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson,
Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson (Irwin),
McDermott, Souness.
Southampton: Wells, Golac, McCartney, Holmes, Wat-
son, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, George, Moran, Baker.

MANCHESTER UTD (0) 0
LEEDS (0) 1 (Flynn) 45,733
Man Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran,
Buchan, Coppell, Birdies, Jordan, Macari, McLroy.
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry,
Harris, Hird, Parlane, Stevenson, Graham.

NORWICH (2) 3 (McGuire, Watson, Fashanu)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Robinson) 16,199
Norwich: Hansbury, McDowell, Downs, McGuire,
Hoadley, Watson, O'Neill, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon,
Barham.
Brighton: Digweed, Stevens, Williams, Clark, Foster,
Lawrenson, McNab, Stille, Robinson, Smith, O'Sullivan
(Ryan).

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Bowyer)
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Crooks) 22,382

RESULTS...SCORERS...

Sunderland: Siddall, Whitworth, Hinnigan, Hindmarch, Elliott, Rowell, Arnott, Bowyer, Ritchie, Chisholm (Brown), Cummins.

Tottenham: Daines, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Mazzon, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald (Smith), Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.

WBA (1) 2 (Moses, Brown)
BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Worthington, Ainscow) 24,853

WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Bennett, Robson, Deehan, Regis (Brown), Owen, Barnes.
Birmingham: Wealdens, Langan, Broadhurst, Dillon, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Evans, Worthington, Hawker (Givens), Handysides.

WOLVES (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Withe) 34,693
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel (Bell), McAlla, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

Stoke v Man City postponed.

Second Division

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
CARDIFF (1) 1 (Grapes) 7,525
Bristol Rovers: McAllister, Jones, Hughes, Cooper, McCaffrey, Williams (G), Mabbutt, Emmanuel, Randall, Williams (S) (Lee), Barrett.
Cardiff: Grobler, Jones, Pontin, Thomas, Gilbert, Grapes, Ronson, Buchanan, Lewis, Stevens, Kitchen.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 3 (Smith, Streete, Spriggs)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Bates) 4,007
Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Finney, Gibbins, Spriggs, Lyons, O'Neill, Streete.
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Keay, Griffin, Tong, Atkins, Dungworth, Biggins, Petts (Bates).

GRIMSBY 0
BLACKBURN 0 12,210
Grimsbey: Batch, Moore (D), Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore (K), Broly, Whymark, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.
Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Garner, Busby, Burke, Speight.

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 2 (O'Brien (pen), Christie)
BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Nicholls) 7,609
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks (Harkouk).
Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Hay, Aitken, Marshall, Nicholls, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Pritchard, Whitehead (Mann).

OLDHAM 0
NEWCASTLE 0 5,887
Oldham: Platt, Edwards, Clements, Hurst, Blair, Atkinson, Fletcher, Keegan, Heaton, Palmer, Wyde.
Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Halliday, Boam, Davies, Martin, Treweek, Wharton, Shoulder, Harford, Waddie (Carney).

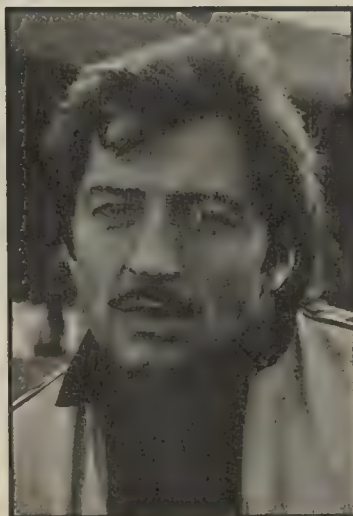
PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce)
CHELSEA (0) 0 8,129
Preston: Litchfield, Westwell, Burns, Bell, Baxter, Anderson, Doyle, Coleman, Sayer (Bruce), McGee, Naughton.
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Rhoades-Brown, Walker, Pates (Hutchings).

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Stainrod)
SHEFF WED (0) 2 (Taylor 2) 15,104
Q.P.R.: Burridge, Shanks, Giffard, Fenwick, Wicks, Roeder, Langley, Francis, Stainrod, Currie, Silkman (Fianagan).
Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirdiff, Sterland, Mirocevic, Taylor, Leman, McCulloch, King.

SWANSEA (1) 3 (James (L) 3 (2 pens))
BOLTON (0) 0 9,468
Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Lewis, Stevenson, Charles, Hadziabdic, Craig, Mahoney, James (R), Curtis, James (L).
Bolton: Poole, Graham, Jones, Brennan, McElhinney, Burke, Nikolic, Gowing, Whatmore, Hoggan (Thompson), Thomas.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Poskett)
WEST HAM (0) 2 (Cross 2) 20,786
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Ward, Blissett, Armstrong, Jackett, Poskett.
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

WREXHAM (0) 2 (McNeil 2)
DERBY (1) 2 (Sheridan, Swindlehurst pen) 6,485



Birmingham striker Frank Worthington

Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Jones, Cegielski, Dwyer, Fox, Carrodus, Sutton, Cartwright, Vinter, McNeil.
Derby: Jones, Emery, Osgood, Ramage, Buckley, Wilson, Reid, Hector, Sheridan, Swindlehurst, Clayton (Clerke).

Third Division

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Johnson, Frost)
BLACKPOOL (0) 0 5,580

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Young)
CHESTER (0) 0 4,993

CARLISLE 0
OXFORD 0 3,552

COLCHESTER (2) 2 (Foley, Packer pen)
CHARLTON (0) 0 4,864

EXETER (2) 2 (Kellow, Hatch)
MILLWALL (0) 0 5,408

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Sims) 4,396

NEWPORT (1) 5 (Gwyther, Oakes, Lowndes, Tynan 2)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Birch) 5,340

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Rafferty, Doyle pen)
HULL (1) 1 (Mutrie) 13,596

READING (0) 1 (Earles)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Fern) 5,630

SHEFF UTD (1) 2 (Hatton, Wiggan)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Kindon 2) 14,426

SWINDON (1) 2 (Hughes, Williams pen)
BARNLEY (0) 0 7,819

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 4 (Mooney, Morgan 2, Burns)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Kellock) 5,334

BURY 0
WIGAN 0 4,700

HEREFORD (2) 3 (Laidlaw, White pen, McGrellis)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 2,313

LINCOLN 0
WIMBLEDON 0 3,988
Darlington v Port Vale, Halifax v Crewe, Mansfield v Aldershot, York v Northampton postponed.

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Jarvie)
ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (Richardson, McDougall) 8,000

Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Simpson, Harrow (Angus), McGhee (Hewitt), Jarvie, Scanlon.

St Mirren: Thomson, Beckett, McCormack, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, McDougall, Stark, Somner, Abercrombie, Weir.

HEARTS (1) 1 (Kidd)
PARTICK (1) 1 (Higgins) 3,491
Hearts: Brough, Hamilton, Liddell (F), Mora, Shields, Mackay, Hamill, Kidd, Gibson, McShane, Liddell (G).
Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Anderson, Campbell (Lapsley), Whittaker, McDonald, Watson, Jardine, O'Hara, Higgins, Clark.

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Dodds) 2,100
Kilmarnock: McCulloch, McLean, Armstrong, Clarke, Cockburn, Clark, McDicken, Mauchlen, Street (McBride), Bourke, Cairney (Bryce).
Dundee United: McAlpine, Holt, Hegarty, Nerey, Philip, Gibson (Kopel), Kirkwood, Bannan (Pettigrew), Milne, Sturrock, Dodds.

MORTON (0) 0
CELTIC (2) 3 (McGarvey 2, Provan) 14,000
Morton: Baines, Hayes, McLaughlin, Orr, Holmes, Rooney, Marr, Busby, Houston (McNeill), Tolmie, Ritchie.
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, McAdam, Aitken, Reid, Sullivan, Conroy, Burns, Provan, McGarvey, Nicholas.

RANGERS (0) 2 (MacDonald, Redford)
AIRDRIE (0) 0 12,200
Rangers: McCloy, Miller, Jackson, Dawson, Russell, Bell, Redford, Johnstone (Cooper), McAdam, MacDonald, Johnston.
Airdrie: Gardiner, Cairney, March, McCluskey, Rodger, Walker, Gordon (Thompson), McKeown, Flood, Clark, Anderson.

Scottish First

BERWICK (1) 1 (Hamilton pen)
STIRLING (0) 0 510

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Miller)
HAMILTON (0) 2 (Alexander 2) 600

DUNDEE 0
DUMBARTON 0 2,187
(Abandoned after 62 minutes)

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
HIBS (1) 5 (Rae pen, Connolly 2, Jamieson 2) 3,000

FALKIRK (0) 2 (Smith, Brown)
AYR (0) 1 (Connor pen) 2,000

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Forbes 2, Clelland)
ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brogan 2) 2,646

RAITH 0
EAST STIRLING 0 1,200

Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 2 (Gillespie, Mackie)
ARBROATH (2) 4 (Harley 2, Gavine, Lees) 300

EAST FIFE (0) 2 (Halley, Thomson pen)
BRECHIN (1) 2 (Kyles, Graham) 398

MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (Sproat, Jobson)
MTROSE (0) 1 (Johnson) 250

QoS 0
CLYDE 0 1,000

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 2 (McGregor, Nicholson)
ALLOA (0) 1 (Headley) 1,300

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 2 (Wallace (o.g.), Jack)
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Hay pen) 300
Forfar v Cowdenbeath postponed.

Sunday, March 1

Second Division

ORIENT 0
LUTON 0 8,074
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Moores, Chiedozie, Bowles, Jennings, Margarrison, Taylor (P).
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby (Antic), Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Fuccillo, Moss.

Third Division

WALSALL (1) 1 (Smith)
FULHAM (2) 2 (Beck, Peters) 4,956

Fourth Division

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Fell, Sermanni)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Powell) 2,484
Bradford v Rochdale postponed.

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

(Saturday, March 21st)

Man. Utd. v Ipswich

IPSWICH Town will be expecting to improve their record at Old Trafford, where they have so far won only three times in 14 League visits and have scored only one goal in the last six of those games. The last Ipswich player to score a League goal at Old Trafford was Clive Woods when they won there 1-0 in 1976-77.

Earlier this season Ipswich were held to a 1-1 draw by United at Portman Road when Paul Mariner got his seventh goal in his last four home League games against the Red Devils. Perhaps he is the man to break Town's scoring duck at Old Trafford on Saturday.

Tottenham v Villa

WHITE Hart Lane has not been a particular happy hunting ground for Villa since the War, although, after a run of ten consecutive defeats there they have recently slain the bogey by winning three of their last five League visits.

Villa have already chalked up a 3-0 victory over Spurs this season and if they can clinch their third win in a row at White Hart Lane on Saturday they will be completing only their second League double over Spurs since the War.

Spurs fans will be hoping for a repeat of their last big win over Villa — 5-2 in March, 1976.

W.B.A. v Forest

ALBION have not had a resounding win over Nottingham Forest at The Hawthorns since April, 1970 when Tony Brown (two), Jeff Astle and Alan Glover helped them to a 4-0 victory. Albion have won two of the eight home games since then but it is Forest who have generally been asserting their mastery during this period. Indeed, Forest have been undefeated by W.B.A. in their last seven League meetings home and away.

Anyone who believes that Albion are now due for a win over Forest just on the law of averages should note that back in the 60's the Nottingham club played six successive League games at The Hawthorns without defeat. The run was halted in February, 1966 when Albion chalked up a 5-3 win.

Liverpool v Everton

THIS will be the 124th League derby between these two great clubs. So far Everton have won 44, Liverpool 41 and 38 have been drawn.

Liverpool, of course, have been catching up on their rivals in recent years and Everton have not won a League game at Anfield since March, 1970 when a crowd of 54,496 saw Joe Royle and Alan Whittle get the only goals of the game. Indeed, in their last ten visits since that 2-0 win Everton have scored a total of six goals, but have managed five draws including the last three visits which have resulted 0-0, 1-1 and 2-2.

Everton's best win at Anfield was 5-0 in 1914-15 when they won the Championship.

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AFTER months of rumours, false scents and behind-the-scenes negotiations, Johan Cruyff returned to European soccer with Spanish Second Division club Levante. What an anti-climax! Photographers besieged the Dutch superstar when he took the field in Valencia wearing, by coincidence, the same blue and maroon stripes that he wore during his five years with Barcelona, and the kick-off was seven minutes late by the time the pitch had been cleared.

Promotion-chasing Levante stumbled to a narrow 1-0 win over relegation-threatened Palencia, but Johan showed enough of his skill to convince the 25,000 crowd that at 33 he's far from over the hill.

"I'm satisfied with my performance," said Cruyff after the final whistle. "I'm sure we can go up to the First Division as long as my team-mates adapt to my style and follow my recommendations. I think our game will be more effective when the side understands me better, plays faster and makes better use of my passes."

Incredible

But if the Dutch ace's debut was unsensational, it was little short of incredible to see Johan Cruyff in Levante's modest Nou Estadi.

Levante's negotiations with Cruyff took over two months and they finally clinched his signature right under Leicester City's nose. Strangely, one of the main factors in his decision not to accept Jock Wallace's offer was that settling his family in England would have meant putting his dogs into quarantine for six months! And the Cruyffs have an entire team of dogs — 11 in all!

A DOG'S LIFE FOR CRUYFF

When Cruyff's decision was announced in Spain all hell immediately broke loose, as the club openly admitted to being £525,000 in debt! What's more, the authorities threatened to block the transfer unless Levante cleared debts totalling £57,000 in unpaid wages. Finally, a Levante official rushed into the Federation offices with the cash just as Cruyff was touching down at Valencia Airport; the deal was saved.

The sad thing about the deal is that football itself was not high on the priority list, on either side of the negotiating table.

Johan's acceptance was subject to financial guarantees and also a massive publicity deal allowing the Dutchman to promote a certain brand of clothes, wine and shampoo via the club.

On the other side, Levante offered a deal whereby he collects 50 per cent of any increase in gate takings (NOT a STRAIGHT 50 per cent as reported) on top of a basic match fee, which wasn't disclosed.

Levante rapidly put their seat prices up from £4.75 to £6.85 overnight and the club treasurer rubbed

his hands with glee when Johan's debut brought in £28,500 — £20,000 more than their previous highest gate. This gave Cruyff £10,000-plus — over double Leicester's offer.

Coupled with his decision to return to the Dutch national team, Johan Cruyff is well and truly back in the thick of European football, and in the immediate future it looks as though he'll be sharing his time between the orange shirt of Holland and the orange groves of Valencia.



Dirceu row

DIRCEU, who now plays for Atlético Madrid, could become the focus of a disagreement between Brazil coach Telê Santana and Medrado Dias, football director of the Brazilian F.A.

Telê doesn't much like the idea of calling players who play abroad for the Brazilian team. He could make an exception for Falcão, now playing for Roma, but only if Roma agreed in releasing Falcão, well in advance of the World Cup, so that he could train for at least one month with his team-mates. So far, Roma haven't agreed.

But Medrado Dias is not worried about Falcão. For him, the most important player for Brazil is Dirceu, whom he considers the most modern of Brazilian players and the man who made Vasco da Gama twice Rio de Janeiro Champions when he was playing for them.

And Telê has confided to his closest friends that he wouldn't call Dirceu even if he were in Brazil right now.

World Champs in punch-up

SOUTH AMERICAN Champions Nacional of Uruguay decided to stay on in the Far East after their Intercontinental Cup win against Forest in Tokyo... and got themselves involved in a tremendous punch-up during a friendly match played behind closed doors in Hong Kong.

Delayed there by an airline strike, the Uruguayans agreed to play two exhibition games against the South China club, and won the first match 4-2.

But the second exploded into violence when a Nacional player went in hard on local goalkeeper Shing Wai Luen. A pitched battle got under way, with all the reserves joining in, and at one stage corner flags and iron stakes from the railings were being used as weapons.

As only a handful of club directors and journalists were present, it's been relatively easy for the clubs to hush-up the incident, and no report of injuries or police intervention has been confirmed.

AFTER Belgium's unconvincing 3-2 World Cup win over Cyprus in Brussels, the home fans gave the visitors a standing ovation... and jeered the European Championship runners-up.

Can I have my bribe back?

AMAZING story from Spain, where the ex-president of Second Division Cadiz openly complained a while back that he'd given an acquaintance £5,000 in cash to bribe the referee in the vital Granada-Cadiz League match.

Apparently the official hadn't been bribed, and the president wanted his money back. At this, the acquaintance decided to sue the president for slander, claiming vehemently that he'd never been given any money.

Finally the courts proved beyond all doubt that the £5,000 had been handed over, and the slander case was dismissed.

The sad fact is, though, that the president, a man who openly admits to having tried to bribe a referee, is still one of the top officials in the Football Association in the Andalusia region!



AFTER eight years with a ten-club Super League, the Austrian F.A. have proposed that for 1982-83 they should return to the old 16 club League. At the moment the super ten meet each other four times and Champions FK Austria want to keep it that way. Another reform in the F.A. plans is for a League Cup on the English pattern.

FORMER Polish international goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski is back in favour at Beerschot — only because the Belgian club's other 'keeper was sent off. It seems likely that the man nicknamed The Clown by a certain English manager will leave for the NASL soon.



● **Police** search fans after trouble at the Borussia Dortmund/Schalke 04 game. There were 18 arrests and after the match supporters wrecked a tram and a pub. On the same day, a knife was thrown at St Pauli, while the referee at Eintracht Frankfurt/Hamburger SV had to be protected by police from the home fans. His crime? He awarded a penalty to the visitors. The British Disease spreads...

News flashes

● **Real Madrid's** 2-1 victory in Pamplona against Osasuna was their first away win since September 7th, 1980, and their run of nearly six months without success was their worst since their disastrous campaign in the 1947-48 season, when they narrowly avoided relegation.

● **Argentina's** top side, River Plate, have agreed to

pay their players 50 per cent of all profits obtained during the club's Copa Libertadores campaign.

● **Picturesque** story from Buenos Aires, where Racing and Boca Juniors planned to play a friendly in the Velez Sarsfield stadium. But a few minutes before kick-off time the terraces were still empty so both sides decided to forget it and go home!

● **The Italian Press** has been unanimous in acclaiming Avellino's

Brazilian striker Juary as the season's best import. But the season has already finished for the Brazilian striker — he needed a cartilage operation following a collision with Inter Milan goalkeeper Bordon.

● **Ecuador** have given their national team the order of the boot after their 0-6 defeat by Brazil in a friendly match. A completely new training staff, under Brazilian manager Otto Vieira, has now been appointed.

Ten seconds from glory

FIRST Division St Johnstone were just ten seconds away from recording the biggest shock of the Scottish season when they led mighty Rangers 3-2 in the Scottish Cup.

A last-gasp equaliser by Rangers striker Ian Redford forced a replay at Ibrox which the Glasgow giants duly won 3-1 to progress to the Quarter-Finals.

But St Johnstone emerged from that double confrontation with great praise and manager Alex Rennie is now making things happen in a big way around Muirton.

"The disappointment when Rangers scored that equalising goal at Muirton in the first game was terrible," says Rennie. "But that's football, isn't it?"

'Encouraging'

"The good thing was the way my lads reacted. They thought they still had a good chance of going through. I liked that attitude. It didn't happen, of course, but it was encouraging to hear my players adopting such an outlook.

"That's the attitude of winners... and that's what I'm looking for."

Rennie masked his disappointment in a mature fashion, considering he only took over St Johnstone last season. He was within seconds of one of the biggest Scottish Cup upsets of all time and had been robbed by a basic goalkeeping error by George Tulloch.

Yet Rennie did not blast off at his goalkeeper. He says: "I had a word with him. Possibly it would have been better if he had stayed on the line, but it's all forgotten now.

"It's things like that which could

make him a better goalkeeper in the long run. Football is all about learning and I'm sure the 'keeper knows that now."

Rennie kept his cool while other players openly admitted they burst into tears in the dressing room at the end of the Muirton tie... a game where they were losing 2-0 at one stage before battling back to lead 3-2 with goals from Jim

Docherty and two from John Brogan.

But the future is certainly bright for the cultured youngsters of Perth. Top marksman John Brogan, who walked out on the club at the start of the season after a £100,000 move to Hibs fell through, says: "It would take a fabulous offer to tempt me to leave St Johnstone now."

The St Johnstone defence look on in disbelief as Rangers' Ian Redford (No. 10) scores a late equaliser in the Scottish Cup.



QUEEN'S PARK BUILD AMONGST THE RUBBLE

IF you ask the average football fan which team plays at Hampden Stadium he is most likely to answer that it is the Scottish international team.

Of course, Hampden is the home of the only amateur side to play in one of the three major Scottish Divisions... Queen's Park. While

controversy still rages over the home of Scottish football and the bulldozers prepare to move in and reduce Hampden to a pile of rubble, little Queen's Park are building for the future.

Critics often say it is difficult for Partick Thistle and Clyde to play in the giant shadow cast by Celtic and Rangers, but what must it be like for Queen's Park?

Coach Eddie Hunter says: "We just get on with the job and concentrate on providing a winning team that can pick up the points and entertain the fans.

"We don't have the resources of the Old Firm. That's obvious, but we do have some fine young players here and we are as ambitious as any team in the country.

"Queen's Park may be amateurs, but we try to think professionally. We have a heritage here to maintain and we are all proud to be part of the set up."

The Hampden side have gifted soccer some superb goalkeepers in the past, notably Bobby Brown (Rangers), Jim Cruickshank (Hearts) and Bobby Clark (Aber-

deen). They all went on to play for the international side and Brown even had a spell as manager.

Scouts are keeping a close watch on the Queen's of today as the side press for a First Division place. Teams are looking for a player of the calibre of Derek Parlane, who cost around £200,000 when he joined Leeds United from Rangers two seasons ago.

"I enjoyed my days with Queen's Park," he says. "I wasn't there very long before going to Ibrox, but it was a good launching pad. It's good to see them doing so well these days."

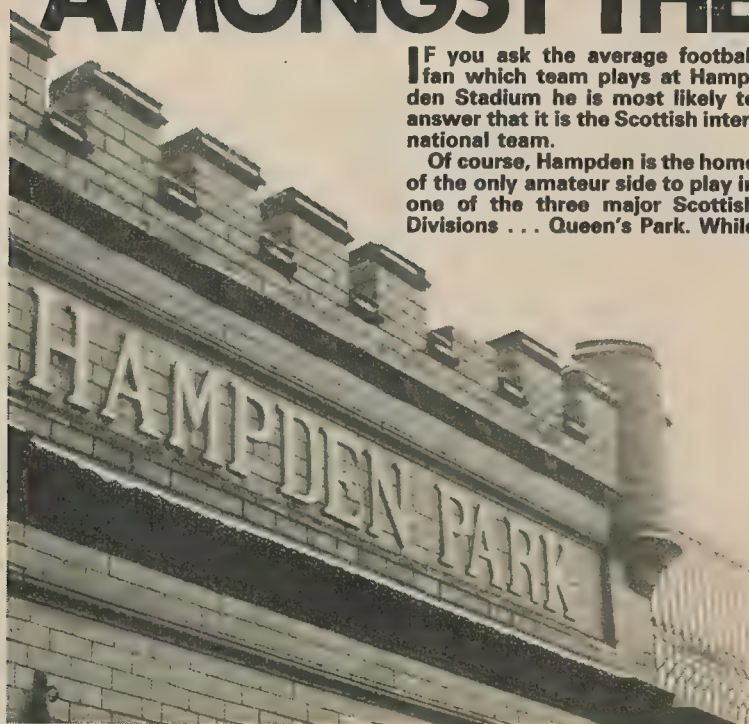
Ruthless

Queen's Park are saddled with a rather quaint, old-fashioned image, but they have moved into the 80's with a ruthless almost professional touch. They set out this season aiming for promotion and they won't fail for the lack of trying.

Eddie Hunter, a former Queen's Park player, has taken over from Davie McParland and Joe Gilroy in pushing the side to new glories.

Hampden Stadium may be in doubt these days. But there is no doubt about the ambitious intentions of Queen's Park.

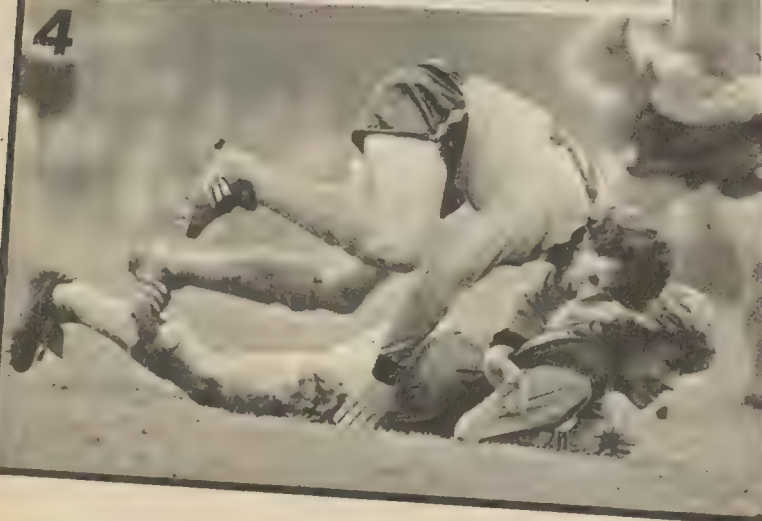
They have adopted a new and welcome image. Their future is assured even if Hampden's is in jeopardy.



DANIEL DISASTER



PETER Daniel will never forget Wolves' game against Aston Villa. The Molineux midfielder broke a leg after a clash with Villa's Tony Morley and these action pictures of the incident capture all the drama which led to a premature end to Daniel's season. They are not happy pictures, but they illustrate that there are two sides to soccer. We wish Peter Daniel a speedy recovery . . . and hope that it won't be too long before the plucky schemer is back in action.



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4. Wales, West of England and Republic of Ireland.

Then answer the six questions about Justin's career and describe in no more than 25 words how you would improve the game as a spectator sport.

Post in a sealed envelope to SHOOT/SODASTREAM Competition, Lavington House, 25 Lavington Street, London SE1 0PF, to arrive not later than Friday 10th April, 1981.



1. Justin made his First Division debut for Norwich City against West Brom. Was it on 17th December, 1978, 13th January, 1979 or 3rd February, 1979?
2. Justin scored his first goal in the First Division on 3rd March, 1979. Was it against Derby County, Leeds United or Manchester United?
3. Did Justin make 12, 22 or 32 First Division appearances for Norwich City in the 1978-79 season?
4. How many League goals did Justin score during the 1978-79 season? (Five, ten or 15?)
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SHOOT! SodaStream COMPETITION

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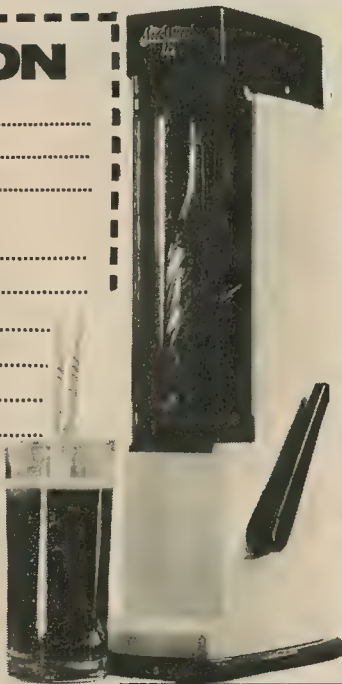
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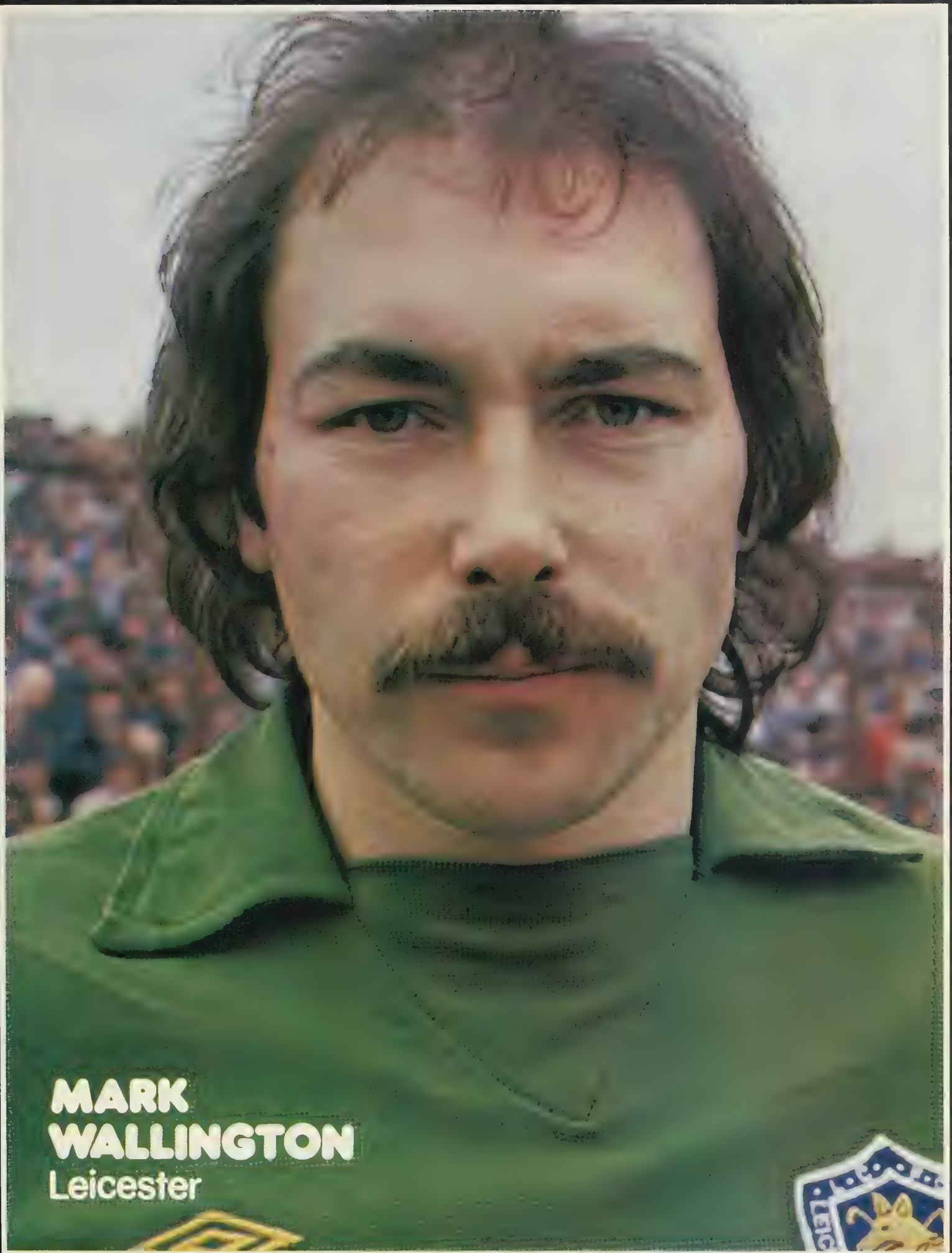
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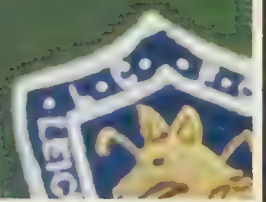
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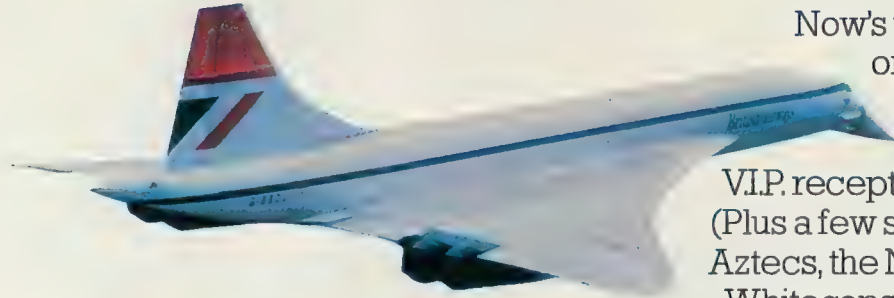


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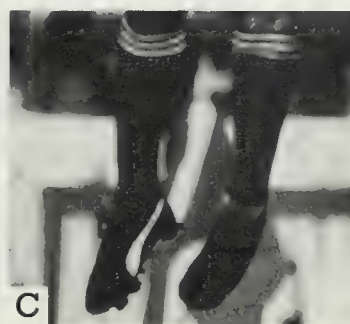
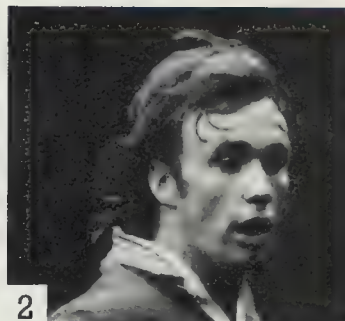


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Gordon McQueen	3		Peter Shilton	7	
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12. By entering the competition competitors will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to abide by these rules.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

JIMMY Bloomfield is a refreshingly honest manager, so when he reveals he was once in the running for the England job before Don Revie's appointment, you believe him.

Nor do you question the Orient boss when he says the "two biggest" clubs in the Football League offered him jobs before he left Leicester to run Orient.

You also go along with him when he states categorically that Orient can bridge the gap between the Second and the First Division next season.

Two good signings would be enough to gain promotion, he says.

He reckons that Orient would have helped provide an East End promotion winning double act with West Ham if injuries had not conspired to rob them of key players. Joe Mayo's winning goal at Chelsea on December 20 sent them into fifth position in the table.

But the rot set in after a late goal by West Ham substitute Paul Allen sent them spinning to defeat in the big East End derby

"Injuries and suspension made choosing a team a nightmare," says Jimmy. "I have only 15 players to select from."

Joe Mayo, Nigel Gray and Steve Parsons were all sidelined, Parsons' broken leg keeping him out for the rest of the season after performances earned him a reputation for being the most improved player in London.

Parsons' progress since his arrival at Brisbane Road from Wimbledon illustrates Bloomfield's ability to make good players into better ones.

Stan Bowles and Peter Taylor can thank their new boss for restoring their soccer reputations when they were reeling on the scrapheap at Forest and Tottenham respectively.

"I enjoy spotting players and getting the best out of them. Parsons played for Wimb-

ledon against us, and his natural left footedness suggested he could fill a vacancy we had on the left side of the midfield.

"He's been some bargain, costing only £42,000."

Did he take a risk signing Bowles? "Never. Stan and I talk the same language. Jimmy Gordon and Peter Taylor, of Forest, spoke highly of him, and I signed Stan on their recommendation."

Yet even the buoyant and confident Orient manager knows there is a limit to the progress his club can make on motivation alone. If they are to win promotion they must compete in the transfer market as feverishly as they do on the pitch.

Paltry attendances, dipping as low as 3,000, highlight the pulling power of West Ham, Arsenal, Tottenham and Chelsea in

competition for gates, a significant factor when Orient search for transfer money. "I'm limited," says Jimmy, "but if we want success, we've got to spend money."

"I reckon I'm £50,000 down on my transfers at Orient, whereas I made almost £300,000 for Leicester."

Of his current squad, John Chiedozie, Orient's Nigerian international winger, excites him and disturbs Bloomfield's natural protective instincts.

"I hate it when players with skill and imagination like John and Stan run up against teams prepared to destroy them by foul means."

Orient are not the most fashionable of clubs, but in their progressive board of directors and ambitious, go-ahead manager, they have just the pedigree to hoist them into the big time.

HONOURS

Second Division: Runners-up 1961-62

Third Division: Champions 1969-70

Third Division (S): Champions 1955-56, Runners-up 1954-55

Last season's record: Second Division 14th

F.A. Cup Fourth Round, League Cup Second Round



BACK ROW (left to right): Stan Bowles, Kevin Godfrey, Tunji Banjo, Bobby Fisher, Mark McNeill.
MIDDLE ROW: Bill Songhurst (first team physio), Alan Stevenson (no longer at club), Paul Went, Joe Mayo, Nigel Gray, Lloyd Scott, Mervyn Day, Sean Rafter, Ian Moores, John Margerison, Steve Parsons, Stan White (reserve physio), Len Cheeswright (chief scout),
FRONT ROW: Alan Whittle (on trial at Bournemouth), Henry Hughton, Bill Roffey, Tommy Taylor, Jimmy Bloomfield (manager), Ralph Coates, Billy Jennings, Mark Penfold, John Chiedozie.

SHOOT!

FOR the first time in his long career, Ian Callaghan will not be deeply involved in English soccer during the last month of the season. Instead, the former Liverpool dynamo will be lacing on his boots for the Norwegian club, Sandesjord.

Swansea, who signed Callaghan after his years of illustrious service in the Liverpool shirt, will be ending their campaign without him.

"Before the start of this season I was undecided about carrying on at Swansea," explains Callaghan. "Then John Toshack asked me to stay on and I accepted. But things

didn't work out as I thought they would.

"The previous season I had played regularly, and John convinced me that the club needed me in 1980-81.

"But I was left out of the team, and eventually I found it frustrating to train all week and then journey from Liverpool to Swansea to turn out for the reserves — it just wasn't worth it.

"I felt that my experience would have been of some use to

CALLY GOES~ BUT IT ISN'T THE END

Swansea when their promotion challenge started to slip, and I would have liked to have played a part in it.

"But I enjoyed my spell at Swansea, and the move was the right one at the time. Now I'm ready to move on."

For Callaghan, the experience of playing in Norway will follow his previous summer football stints in Australia and the United States. And he says: "I have no regrets from all my years in the game. I've been lucky, my only lay-offs through injury being due to a car-

Ian Callaghan in action for Swansea earlier this season.

tilage operation, and Achilles tendon trouble.

"As a player with a Liverpool team that was very successful, I was able to collect medals and trophies.

"Against Leeds United in the 1965 Wembley Final the winning goal scored for Liverpool by Ian St. John was one that stamped itself on my memory. I crossed from the right, and there was Ian to send it rocketing into the net.

"The European Cup Final in Rome against Borussia Monchengladbach was another tremendous occasion."

Ian is adamant that he is not going to Norway to play exhibition soccer.

"The game over there is competitive, and it's very important to me that it should be this way.

"I've had talks with several former professionals, and they all made one thing very clear — they told me that if I packed in competitive football too early I would regret it in the years ahead.

"That is why I'm turning out for Sandesjord, to keep on deriving pleasure from the effort I put into a game. Once I find I'm not enjoying my football, then will be the time to call it a day. But not before then."

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"When I saw how cold you looked standing there in goal..."



"I know why you weren't concentrating... hand it over."

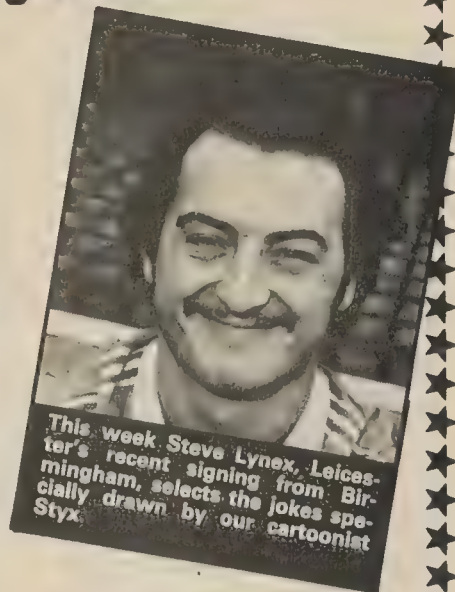


"You spoil 'em. Making me warm my hands before I give the little darlings a massage."



"Come on now — give me that whistle."

"You never did like my mother, did you?"



This week Steve Lynex, Leicester's recent signing from Birmingham, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

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WHEN Mike Bamber became chairman of Brighton and Hove Albion, in October, 1973, the club was struggling in the depths of the Third Division, and close to bankruptcy.

Now The Seagulls are a First Division side with an annual turnover, on the promotions side alone, of £500,000 a year.

Bamber, a 50-year-old business tycoon, knows club chairmen are among the most maligned men in football. But he has his own way of running his club, and he agreed to share his experiences with SHOOT readers.

MONDAY

I'm one of those lucky people. I always look forward to the start of a new week. My life revolves around Brighton Football Club. I enjoy every aspect of my work here, even the pressures. It's a tough business, but I love being part of it.

Driving to the ground on Monday mornings, I think back to my early days as chairman. The club was at its lowest ebb. We'd been beaten at home on the Saturday and only 5,500 fans had turned up to watch the game. My first job was very unpleasant. I had to sack the manager, Pat Saward. We were at the foot of the table and changes had to be made.

The next day I heard rumours of a player revolt. They weren't going to play because I'd sacked Pat. I immediately called a meeting of the whole playing staff and read

TUESDAY

Like any other weekday, this will start with an early morning meeting with Alan Mullery. This is something we've always done. It gives Alan and I the chance to discuss the team, player problems or injuries and general club business. I like and respect Alan. I think the daily meetings help us to work well as a team.

Alan came here in the summer of '76. When Peter Taylor resigned, I was shaken. He'd done a magnificent job for us. Now I needed a new manager. A young man with energy and ambition. I didn't know where to look. I went home feeling very low. My wife had never seen me like it. I just sat there in a trance, wondering who could do the job for us.

Then I remembered a small incident from a game two seasons

working. It's not the usual chairman/manager relationship. We're a partnership. We sink or swim together. We've had our share of disappointments in the past couple of years, but there's never been any question of me sacking him. In fact, the lower we are, the more we fight for one another.

WEDNESDAY

A football club is far more than just the manager and his players. There's another team behind the scenes and their work is equally important. So, I like to see them all every day. In one way, they're the same as the players. They have to give 100 per cent effort. We all do, if the club is to survive.

We've got a very good promotions team here in Ron Pavey and Tony Millard. They've made excellent progress. The annual turnover is now in the region of £500,000 a year and we have major sponsorship deals with companies like British Caledonian. This revenue enables Alan to buy players like Mike Robinson and Andy Ritchie to strengthen our squad.

You can't separate what happens on the field with what happens in the club offices. In today's world, the two are closely linked. As chairman, I like to keep in close contact with both sides of the club.



ABOVE: Bamber enjoys a joke with Steve Foster, Brian Horton, Gary Stevens and John Gregory.

BELOW: The Tuesday meeting with manager Alan Mullery, the other half of the 'Brighton partnership'.

Mike Bamber:

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the riot act. I told them this club was going places and changes had to be made.

I then got the players together and asked who no longer wanted to play for Brighton. If they put their hands up, they could go and not come back. They were finished here. We had a game that night and I would put the Youth team out, rather than players who wouldn't give everything for the club. We needed real spirit. We had a fight on our hands.

Nobody said a word. I told them to get out and start training. That night they went out and won 4-0. Two weeks later I'd signed Brian Clough and Peter Taylor as our new management team. The home gate jumped by over 10,000 for their first game. We were on our way.

A lot has happened since then, but those early days taught me some valuable lessons. There are times when you have to do what you believe is right, even though it may be unpopular. But everyone at this club knows they can knock on my door if they're unhappy. I'm not a distant figure. I wouldn't have it any other way.

before. We were playing Fulham and they were murdering us. We were 4-0 down and their captain, Alan Mullery, who was coming towards the end of his playing career, called out some instructions to one of his players. The lad must have said something out of place, because Alan gave him a real roasting.

The memory made me smile. Anyone who still demanded total effort at the end of a 4-0 win was just the kind of leader I was looking for. I made an instant decision. I'd offer Alan Mullery the job.

I phoned him first thing the next morning and he was delighted. He drove straight to the club and it only took us ten minutes to agree terms. Brighton had a new manager. But his biggest test was yet to come, because I'd assembled all the playing staff in the board room and I took Alan through to meet them.

It was quite a moment for him. A couple of months before, he'd retired as a player. Now he was a manager. As he walked slowly up the stairs, I saw his hands shaking. I've never seen him like it since. An hour later, he was out training with the players.

That was the start of Alan Mullery. We've got our own way of



I know some fine people in the game, but when it comes to results and business, there are no friends in football.

THURSDAY

Business goes on as usual at the club, but everyone's mind is moving towards Saturday's game. It's something we all look forward to, but players' lives don't revolve totally around their football. They have problems like everyone else.

At this club, Alan is in total

control of training and team selection. But, if I can help players in other ways, I will. Some days my office at the Goldstone is like a doctor's surgery. Players are in and out all the time to discuss buying a house, or getting a mortgage. Maybe they have a problem with their wife, or the wife has a problem with the baby. If I can help, I'm only too pleased to do so.

It's impossible to give you a 'typical week in the life of a chairman', but helping players with their worries is another side of my job.



SATURDAY

I'm always restless on Saturday mornings. If we're at home I drive down to the ground to check everything is going smoothly. If we're away, I relax at the hotel. I always have lunch in front of the TV, watching the football preview, before the real action begins.

There's a lot to do before the kick-off. We meet the other directors and I see the players to wish them good luck. We've got a great squad at the Albion now. Their attitude is first class. I think our skipper, Brian Horton, sets the perfect example. I was delighted to present him with a special loyalty award recently, on his 200th appearance for the club. He's like Alan was as a player. He'll battle until he drops.

Once I'm in the Director's Box I'm totally involved in the game. I'm running through every emotion inside, but I don't shout and scream. That's not really on

when you are surrounded by directors from the other side. So, I talk quietly to myself instead.

I hate it when we lose. It affects me. When I get home, I know Alan's the same. But as long as the players have given everything, I can accept it. Every season you have bitter disappointments and terrific highs. Football is that kind of game. When the team plays well, I'm proud of them. A good win makes up for all the disappointments.

When things are going badly, you have to believe in yourselves. We've never talked about relegation at Brighton. We're more interested in our future as a First Division club.

SUNDAY

I often relax by watching my youngest son play football in the

morning, then enjoy lunch at home with my wife, Jean, and our three sons. A happy family life helps when the pressure is on. My moods change with the fortunes of the club, but Jean never tells me it's stupid to get too worked up over football. She knows it's not just a game to me and that gives me tremendous strength.

Being chairman of a First Division side is tough, but I wouldn't change it. The club is on my mind every minute of the day. By the end of the week, I'm ready to relax at home with the family. But my mind's still ticking over.

I'm already planning the next week at the Goldstone Ground. Already looking forward to that Monday morning drive to the ground. Like I said, I'm one of those lucky people.

Diary of a chairman

FRIDAY

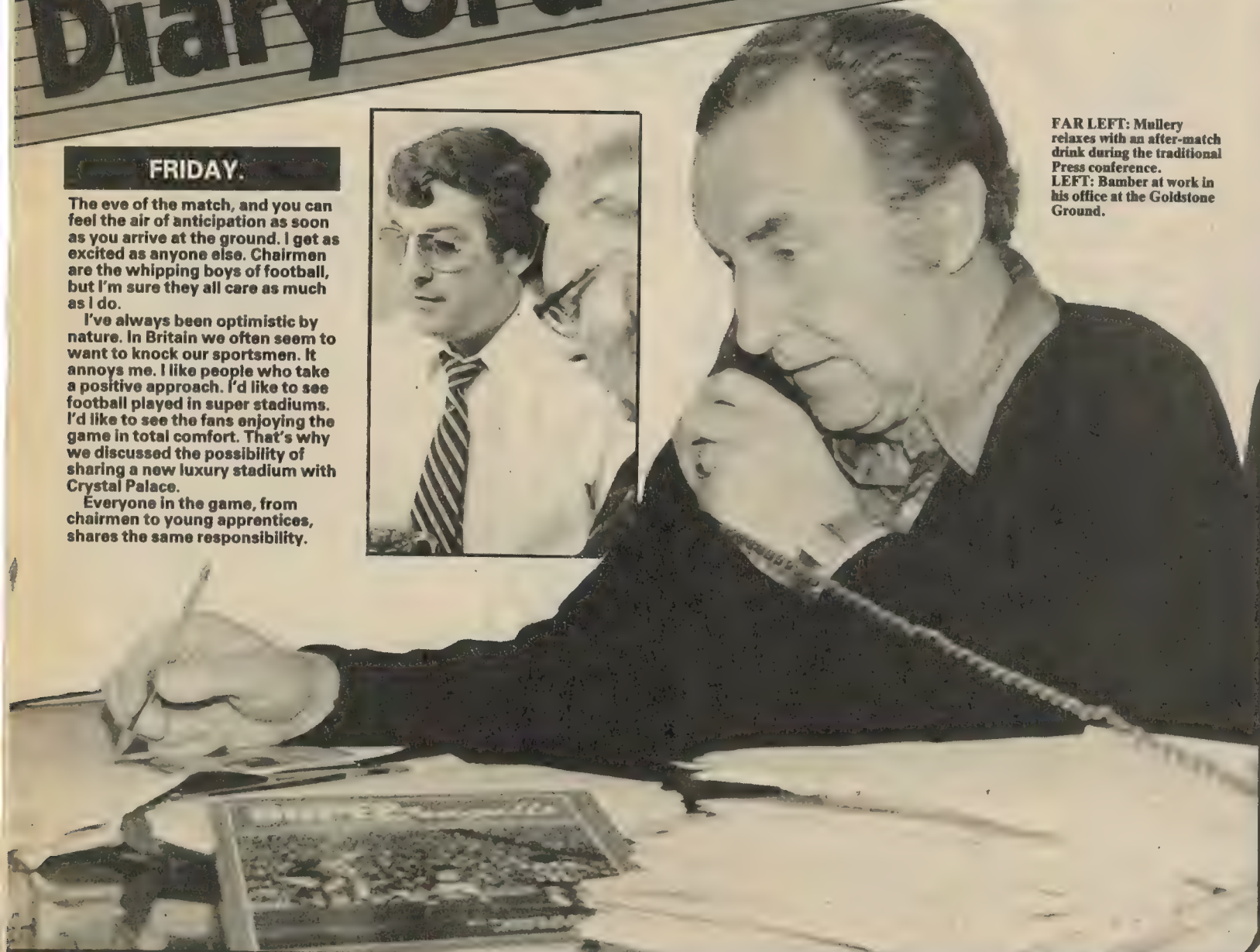
The eve of the match, and you can feel the air of anticipation as soon as you arrive at the ground. I get as excited as anyone else. Chairmen are the whipping boys of football, but I'm sure they all care as much as I do.

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BOBBY MONCUR was an uncompromising defender in his playing days as a defensive rock with Newcastle, Sunderland and the Scottish national team.

He has taken that same determined attitude into the managerial side of the game and he proved that conclusively this season when he decided it was time to axe some of the Tynecastle regulars.

In a sweeping change, he put EIGHT Hearts players up for sale and pinned his faith on the Tynecastle youngsters. Their potential is breathtaking, but their lack of experience is all too apparent.

Alfie Conn, Jim Denny, Crawford Boyd, Archie White, Derek O'Connor, Bobby Masterton, Bobby Robinson and Jim Campbell were the eight players put on the list, and Moncur says bluntly: "I have to sell before I can buy and these players can now move on if the prices are right. I won't be difficult to deal with."

Moncur's assistant manager Tony Ford adds: "We haven't won

Moncur ready to inflict Capital punishment



BOBBY MONCUR

too many point with these players in the first team. Changes have to be made... it's as simple as that."

Hearts have found more despair than delight in the Premier Division and Moncur is now clearly looking to the future. He will introduce young players from now until the end of the term, giving them vital first team experience in the Top Ten.

Only a miracle will save Hearts from relegation at the end of the season, but there seems little doubt that the babes Moncur is introducing to the side will become known as the Tynecastle

Tearaways in the near future.

Teenage midfielder Paul O'Brien arrived on a free transfer from Dundee United and already other Premier teams have been impressed by his progress.

Steve Hamilton has come in at right-back and he, too, has immense potential. He likes to go forward and use the ball intelligently. If he maintains a steady rate of progress he could soon force himself into contention for a place in the Under-21 side.

Alex Hamill has also come in for his breakthrough season and this fresh-faced kid has already played in defence and midfield, showing amazing maturity in one so young.

Gambling

Gary Mackay, Colin More and David Bowman are three other Tynecastle teenagers who are destined to make their mark in the game. Bobby Moncur is gambling on them coming through in a big way and there seems little doubt that Hearts will be a force to be reckoned with a year or so from now if the Hearts boss can reshape his side and these youngsters continue to mature and progress.

Moncur realises, though, that his team needs an injection of experience in defence, possibly in goal and at centre-back. Alex MacDonald, the former Rangers dynamo so unluckily stricken by injuries this term, gives the team that much needed quality in the middle of the park.

So, it's out with the old and in with the new at Tynecastle. Supremo Bobby Moncur is now ready to inflict Capital punishment on opponents the next time they travel to Edinburgh.



One of the promising youngsters at Hearts, David Bowman, sends in a shot against Championship chasing Aberdeen.

They said it...

"They're a decent club with a decent manager and a decent board of directors and there aren't many decent people left in the game. Good people deserve some reward." Danny Blanchflower on Ipswich Town.

"Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren are the best players in the League at the moment." Denis Law.

"The newspaper shop on the roundabout here has a bigger turnover than Stockport County, yet we have several chairmen of businesses sitting round the table and they can't come to a decision. If they were like that in business, we would all be bankrupt." Stockport County director Drew Barlow.

"We are like Lady Di. She's not The Queen yet. She's not even married. But, like us, she's nicely placed." Jimmy Sirrel, Notts County manager.

"The saddest sight in football is to watch a team slowly pass the ball across their defence and then back to the goalkeeper, who cuddles it for 30 seconds before kicking it miles into the air towards a set of forwards who are played offside by the opposing defence moving towards the halfway line. If we were writing the laws of the game tomorrow we would make sure this set of circumstances couldn't happen." Jimmy Hill.

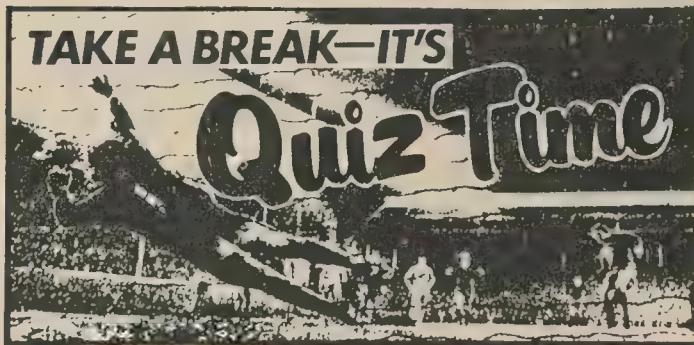
"Harry is a difficult bloke to sum up. You think that you know him and then he does something that makes

you realise you don't. I always seemed to be in his office but we always ended up talking about something other than soccer." QPR's Simon Stainrod on his former Sheffield United boss Harry Haslam.

"I remember the days not so long ago when the club paid the players a bonus of £1 for every thousand fans over 9,000. And believe me the players found it very profitable. If I offered players I was about to sign a similar proposition these days I wouldn't see them for dust." Oldham manager Jimmy Frizzell.

"George Best was the best player ever. I'm not sure about players like Pele because I never saw some of the old greats play. But I do know about George. Even when he came back to United for the last time and he wasn't fit he played beautifully. He must have been a stone overweight, but in training he could just drop his shoulder and he would be past you in a flash." Manchester United's Lou Macari (right).





GROUND

Here we've wrongly paired some of Britain's League clubs and their grounds. See if you can sort them out.

1. Easter Road (Berwick Rangers)
2. Firs Park (Cowdenbeath)
3. Old Show Ground (Bradford)
4. Home Park (Newport County)
5. Priestfield Stadium (Scunthorpe)
6. Broomfield Park (Plymouth)
7. Shielfield Park (Hibs)
8. Central Park (East Stirling)
9. Somerton Park (Airdrie)
10. Valley Parade (Gillingham)

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. The last time Aston Villa won the First Division League Championship was in 1909-10.
2. St Johnstone play their home Scottish First Division games at Muirton Park.
3. Swindon Town reached the League Cup Quarter-Finals last season before losing to Wolves who went on to win the trophy.



4. Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy (above) was once in charge of Fourth Division Darlington.

5. Blackpool's Alfie Conn has two full Scotland caps, both gained while playing for Tottenham.

PAUL COOPER

Can you answer the following questions about the Ipswich Town goalkeeper?



1. Did Paul begin his League career with Blackpool, Bury or Birmingham City?
2. Was Paul or Laurie Sivell in goal for Ipswich when they beat Arsenal 1-0 to win the 1978 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley?
3. On February 21st, Cooper continued his fine record of penalty saves. Did he stop a spot-kick against Wolves from John Richards, Andy Gray or Peter Daniel?
4. Cooper played 30, 35 or 40 League games for the Portman Road club last season when they finished third in the First Division?

ON THE BALL ANSWERS



PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph, taken during a Sheffield Wednesday and Wrexham clash in November, 1980, and see if you can answer the following questions.

1. Can you identify the Sheffield Wednesday player in stripes scoring for The Owls?

2. And the Wrexham goalkeeper, who is also a full Wales international?

3. Did the game finish 0-0, 2-1 to Wrexham or 2-1 to Wednesday?

4. Who are the managers in charge of Wrexham and Sheffield Wednesday?

TRACE-A TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Swansea City players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?

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BRITAIN IN EUROPE

Liverpool, West Ham and Newport County were involved in the first-leg of the Quarter-Finals of the European cups. See if you can answer the following questions about the ties.

ACROSS: (3) Hook. (4) Day. (6) Moran. (7) Chile. (10) Use. (14) Hoddle. (15) Natrass. (17) Hensbury. (18) Gidman. (19) One. (21) Twist. (23) Ankle. (24) See. (25) Unit. DOWN: (1) Thyme. (2) Corrigan. (4) Dai. (5) Gnu. (8) Hodgson. (9) Lee. (11) Strides. (12) Bodak. (13) Osman. (16) Brookings. (18) Gow. (20) Ear. (21) Tests. (22) Ire.

1. Liverpool trounced C.S.K.A. Sofia 5-1 at Anfield. What was the half-time score?

2. Who was the League Champions' hero with a hat-trick?

3. West Ham were beaten 4-1 at Upton Park by Dynamo Tbilisi. Did David Cross, Paul Goddard or Jimmy Neighbour score West Ham's goal?

4. The shock result of the Cup-Winners' Cup must have been Third Division Newport County's superb draw with Carl Zeiss Jena in East Germany. Did the game finish 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2?

ANSWERS:

4 2-2
pool. 2. Graeme Souness. 3. Cross.
BRITAIN IN EUROPE: 1. 2-0 to Liver-
pool. 2. Graeme Souness. 3. Cross.
Evans, Atley, Phillips, Robinson,
Rushbury, Boersma, Callaghan,
TRACE-A-TEAM: Stewart, Sander,
Chardon (Wednesday).
Arton Griffiths (Wrexham), Jack
Dai Davies. 3. 2-1 to Wednesday. 4.
PICTURE PUZZLE: 1. Terry Curran.
2. Cooper. 3. Richards. 4. 40.
PAUL COOPER. 1. Birmingham City.
Finals: 2. True. 5. True.
False — it was last season's Semi-
Final. 3. True. 4. False —
TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True. 4. False —
County. 10. Bradford.
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lingham. 6. Airdrie. 7. Berwick Ran-
2. Scunthorpe. 4. Plymouth. 5. Gil-
2. East Stirling

THE BEST THING TO HAPPEN TO Q.P.R.

THE arrival of Terry Venables was the best thing to happen to Queens Park Rangers for years.

That's the view not only of long suffering fans — fed up with seeing the club sliding backwards — but the players as well.

Venables has breathed new hope and life into Rangers. His impact has been so dramatic that a club worried about relegation to the Third Division when he took over as manager in October are now dreaming about promotion to the First.

They have an outside chance — no more than that. But skipper

Glenn Roeder is happy to settle for that in view of the mess Rangers were in before the advent of Venables.

"Terry has worked wonders here and has given everyone at the place a lift," says Roeder.

"Before he arrived it began to look as though we might slide into the Third Division, and there is no doubt a gloomy mood was sweeping the club.

"Terry soon checked that and got us moving in the right direction. He began to make a difference straight away.

"In the past we had been

encouraged to play off the cuff and go out and do our own thing. Terry wanted no part of that.

"He is a firm believer in organisation — and that's what he brought in from the off.

"It made a world of difference and results started going our way to take us to the fringe of the promotion race.

"I've been very impressed with Terry Venables. He's a refreshing character with a lot of good ideas. He stimulates people.

"He's still young enough to be on the same wavelength as the players. In fact, there's nothing he

likes better than showing us he can still do the business during training sessions.

"Although Terry is a stickler for organisation, there is nothing complicated about what he sets out to do.

"It's all straightforward and simple and everyone knows exactly what is expected of them.

"He is also a master at getting his message over. He only has to say a thing once and we all know exactly what he means.

"As well as sorting out the players already at the club, Terry has brought some outstanding new faces in — Terry Fenwick, Simon Stainrod and Gerry Francis among them.

"Fenwick is a gritty player and has brought added steel into our midfield, something we badly needed.

'Exciting'

"As for Stainrod, I can only describe him as an uncut diamond. He is one of the most exciting prospects I have ever seen.

"Terry will get the best out of him, there's no doubt about that. Then the country will see one hell of a player.

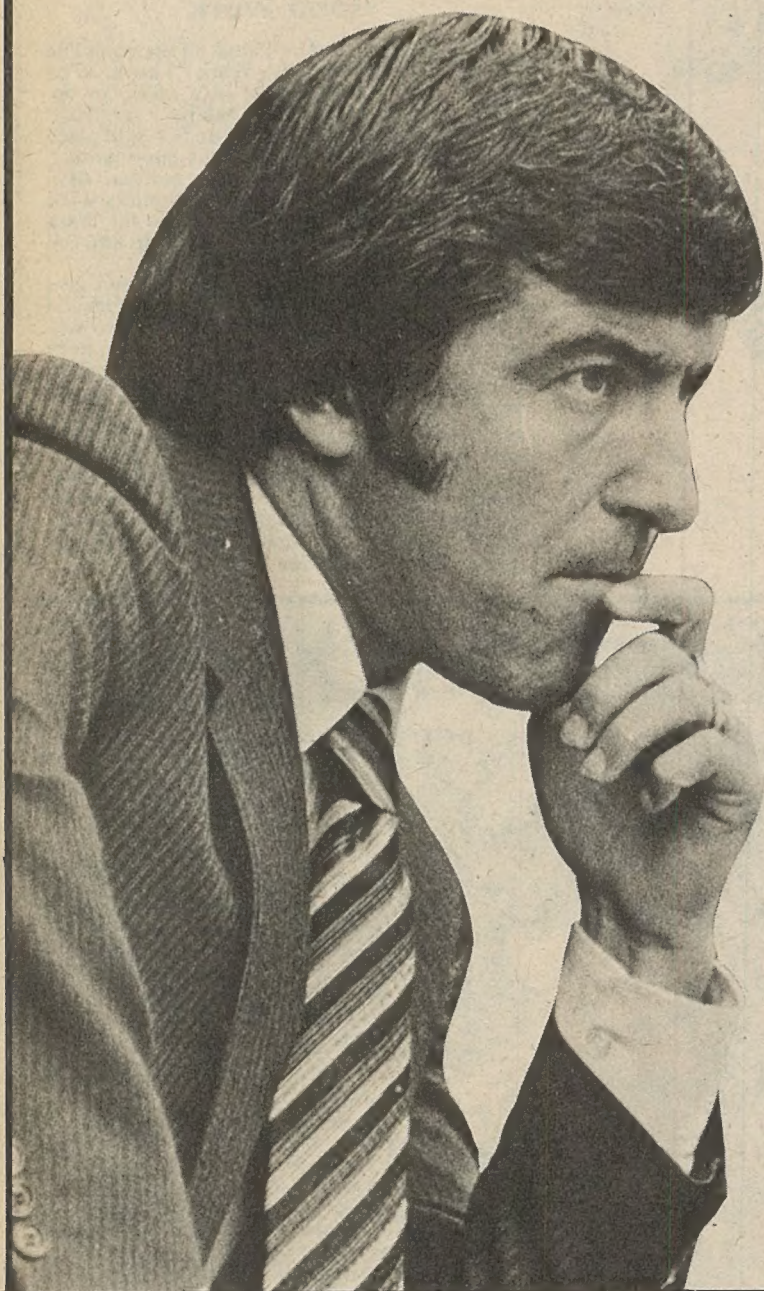
"It's a shame we did not have a few more points before Terry arrived. If we had, we would really have been in the thick of the promotion fight.

"As it is now we can only hope that a lot of the teams above us lose their way to let us in.

"I think 50 or 51 points will be enough to clinch the third promotion place and we'll be trying to make sure we fill it.

"Many of the top teams have still got to come and play us at Shepherd's Bush — so anything is possible.

"The season won't go flat on us, that's for sure. We have got so much to play for the interest will be maintained to the last kick of the season."



Rangers' skipper Glenn Roeder (above) has been encouraged by the management of Terry Venables (left). Rangers beat West Ham at Loftus Road on Boxing Day (right).



Miracle man Wark



MIRACLE workers aren't exactly new to the supporters of Ipswich Town. It was nothing short of a miracle that Alf Ramsey performed when he took what many people saw as a team of country cousins and misfits into the First Division in 1961, then promptly led them to the League Championship at the first attempt.

In 1978 they were very much the underdogs against Arsenal for their first appearance in an F.A. Cup Final. But the man with the Midas touch that day was Roger Osborne, whose solitary goal took the Cup back to Portman Road, to the delight of the whole of Suffolk.

Manager Bobby Robson has also performed miracles in building the present team into one of the most feared and respected in the country — and doing it almost on a shoestring, by present day standards.

Now Town are bang on course to take the First Division title for the second time in their history. And the hero of the hour, as far as the Ipswich fans are concerned, is John Wark.

In their eyes, Wark is a miracle worker in his own right. Everything he's touched this season

has turned to goals — 30 in all competitions by the middle of March from a midfield player, is nothing short of a miracle.

"I've always enjoyed scoring goals," admits John. "And I've been lucky enough to get my fair share of goals. But I've got to admit, this season has really been something special. The confidence I got from getting off to a good start has helped me tremendously."

"Last season I got 15 goals, but I also missed quite a few which I should have taken. I wasn't quite timing my runs correctly. I was getting into good positions, but I was either arriving just too early or too late. But I knew what I was capable of, provided I got my timing right. That's why I set myself a target of 20 goals at the beginning of the season. And I've been lucky enough, more often than not, to be spot-on this season — and bingo."

They used to call Martin Peters the 'ghost', because of the way he would suddenly pop up into space to score. But even he would have been proud of Wark's scoring record right now.

But the Scotsman is quick to point out the invaluable help he's received from his Ipswich team-mates, particularly his big pal, Paul Mariner. The two of them room together on away trips, and Mariner has had to take some good-natured stick from Wark over their respective goalscoring just lately.

'Good work'

"Paul's had a lot of influence on the goals I've scored this season," says Wark. "I seem to be able to read exactly what he's going to do. When he's going to lay the ball back, or flick it on. And I've been able to get into the right place at the right time, to finish off his good work."

Mariner and his main strike partner, Alan Brazil, have been able to pull defenders wide time and time again, leaving space for Wark and his thrusts down the middle, deep into the heart of the opposition penalty area.

"Our two Dutch lads, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, have been brilliant, too," insists Wark. "Basically, my job in midfield is to win the ball. When I've got it, more often than not I give it to either of them, then I'm off. They've got the skill to dictate the pace of the game. Then, with their vision and distribution, they can make telling passes that can prove so vital and deadly."

"As a midfield player, I know the kind of goals I've got this season are very much a bonus to me. But I'm not worrying about what I might do should they dry up. Right now, I'm enjoying myself far too much for that."

'IPSWICH BEFORE ENGLAND' says Butcher

THE future looks decidedly bright for Ipswich's Terry Butcher, tipped to become England's new centre-half. But he refuses to look beyond the next game for his club.

"Playing for Ipswich is my top priority, because this is what I do for most of the year. If I am picked for England my selection is based on the form I've been showing every week in League football."

"Naturally, playing for your country is a great honour, but I try not to think about it and get on with my regular job."

"And there is plenty to occupy me at Ipswich. Battling for the Championship and playing against the Continentals in the U.E.F.A. Cup has added an extra dimension to my game."

"They approach the two legs of a Cup-tie in a different way to

British teams — Ipswich may tighten up a little in defence on away grounds, but we still go for goals."

"But a Continental side operates in an entirely different way at home, as compared to away. When travelling they rely almost entirely on defence, and on their own ground they go for all-out attack — the difference is so marked that for British teams it's like playing against two completely different sides."

"But it's all experience, and this is what is so valuable to me."

Butcher, who made his Ipswich debut against Everton in April, 1978, signed as a pro straight from school and is quickly making his way to the top. So quickly, in fact, that he has little time for his favourite hobby, fishing.

He says: "Perhaps before the



end of the season, I'll be able to get a boat out and do a little sea-fishing for cod. I find it the perfect way to relax from football, and usually go alone."

"But golf, which so many people find relaxing, has the opposite effect on me — it tires me out."

But on the soccer field, it is usually Butcher's opponents who have found it tiring, trying to find a way past this 6ft 4ins centre-half. Yet Terry confesses that there are a couple of strikers who give him trouble.

"Joe Jordan is never easy to play against, and Dave Johnson comes into the same category — as Ipswich is Dave's old team, he tries extra hard against us whenever we meet Liverpool."

"But during the season, which has been my most exciting so far, I'm looking to our forwards to put plenty of pressure on opposing defences, with Paul Mariner scoring a few more goals and helping us to maintain our Championship bid."



Aston Villa's Peter Withe beats Russell Osman of Ipswich to the ball during their F.A. Cup clash.

about Villa. I had thought that with their energetic type of game they would tire as the season wore on, yet so far they've shown no signs of slackening.

"But if I were asked at this stage to name the team to top the table in May, I would have to give a slight edge to Ipswich. They have been very consistent, with Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen outstanding for them in midfield.

"The chief dangers to Ipswich could stem from the two Dutchmen 'blowing up', or the club suffering from a crop of injuries."

For the Liverpool manager, it is a succession of injuries to his players that have caused him selection problems and, in his view, has resulted in the Merseysiders dropping valuable points.

'Major Injuries'

"This season, only Phil Neal and Ray Kennedy were ever-present up to February, an unusually low number for us. Six of the players have had major injuries, and after a lay-off, it can take four weeks of playing before a player recovers his peak form.

"David Fairclough, following his knee operation, has been a yard short in pace, and Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen showed signs that they weren't 100 per cent on their return to the side after injury. Alan Kennedy, too, has had a recurrence of his leg injury, so we've had some headaches — but we are trying to play our way back

'I WAS WRONG ABOUT VILLA'

admits Bob Paisley

WHEN Liverpool lose three matches in a row, as they did against Everton, Leicester and West Bromwich, the shock reverberates around the country.

Yet the commonsense logic of Anfield boss Bob Paisley helps to dispel wild rumours that the Champions are over the hill, and puts the whole matter into perspective.

"The standards we've set cause people to expect us to go on winning," says manager Paisley.

"For example, Liverpool have in the last seven years lifted the League title four times, finished second twice, and appeared in six Cup Finals — twice in the European Cup, once in UEFA, once in the F.A. Cup, and counting this season, twice in the League Cup."

Nobody can argue with those figures. But while Paisley is not slow in coming to the defence of his famous club, he is also ready to concede that in mid-February the Merseysiders faced a formidable challenge in their efforts to retain the First Division Championship.

"Villa and Ipswich gained a good lead, and I've been proved wrong



to form."

In recent seasons, Liverpool have never been afraid to buy to maintain a remarkable strong playing pool, and for Bob Paisley there will be no change in this policy.

Says Bob: "We are always on the look-out for fresh talent — we are ready to buy if the right men are available, because we like to stay successful. And to do this, we need to stay in Europe, to keep the cash coming in.

If the Anfield club succeed in that aim, it will mean more matches for Liverpool in Europe next season — and although manager Paisley welcomes the prospect, he points out how too full a playing programme can affect a team's performances.

"To give the public the exciting football they constantly crave, the number of games a side plays in a season would have to be reduced. Teams that play too often can become stale and also sustain extra injuries — so the clubs at the top have to be prepared to pay a certain price for success. As we have done."

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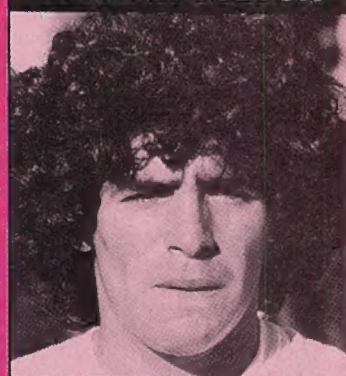
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Stapleton takes on Belgian defender Walter Meeuws during the 1-1 draw at Lansdowne Road in October. The Arsenal striker will be hoping to go one better in the forthcoming return game.

FULL NAME: Francis Anthony Stapleton
BIRTHPLACE: Dublin
BIRTHDATE: July 10, 1956
HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins
WEIGHT: 12st 12lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Lancia Beta
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mirror
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Bobby Charlton
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Graham Rix
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Bobby Charlton

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Tennis
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: No one player in particular
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1979 F.A. Cup Final, when we beat Manchester United 3-2
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the Cup-Winners' Cup Final in Brussels
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Everton
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Irish stew and milk
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Reading, sleeping/Losing, bad manners
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Tampa Bay, Florida

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Sleeping
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Carpenters, Billy Joel
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Relax, have a drink then go out for a meal
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have a lot of friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The staff at Highbury

and my father
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Schoolboy, Youth and full caps for the Republic of Ireland
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Book-keeper
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Pope John Paul II